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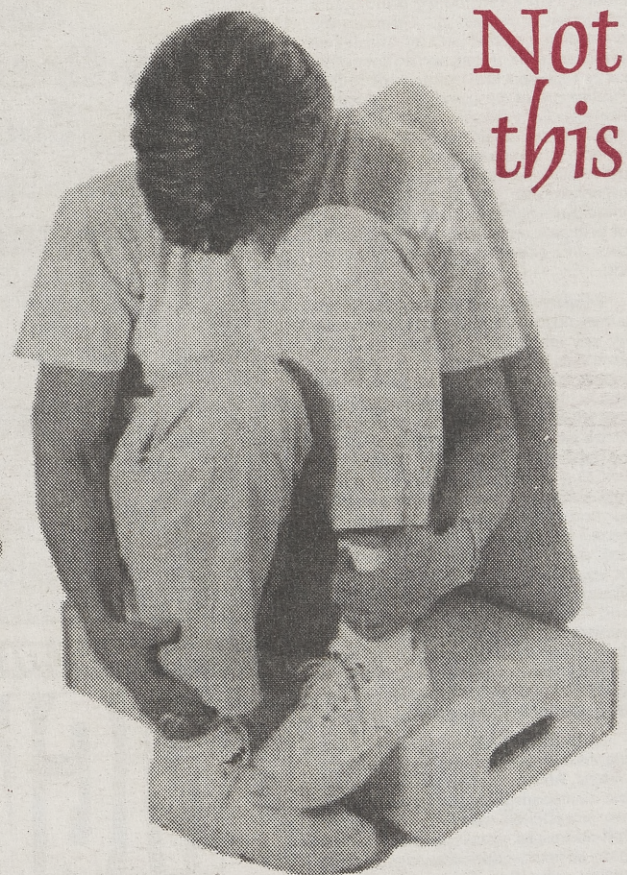
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The following letters were sent to MGW writer Matt Burlingame-Couk, author of "Not My Aisle" which is a new column appearing in every issue of MGW:

Similar Families

Dear Mr. Burlingame-Couk,
I wanted to tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed your piece in MGW Newspaper. I give you my praise and adoration, ha ha. Your family sounds a lot like mine. I thought it was very funny.

Sincerely,
Pat Sherman

More Adoration

Dear Matthew,
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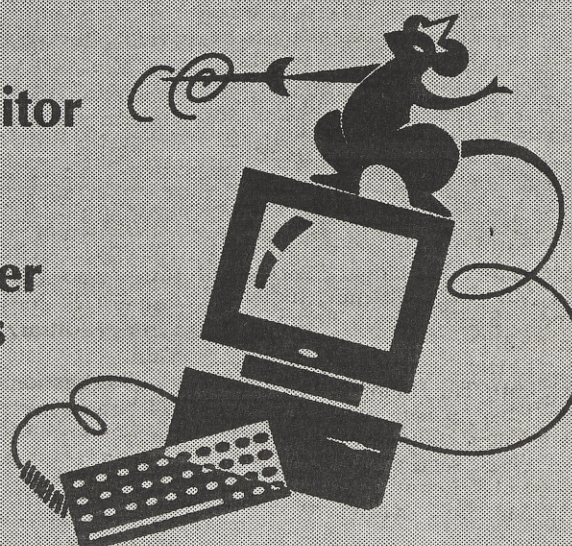
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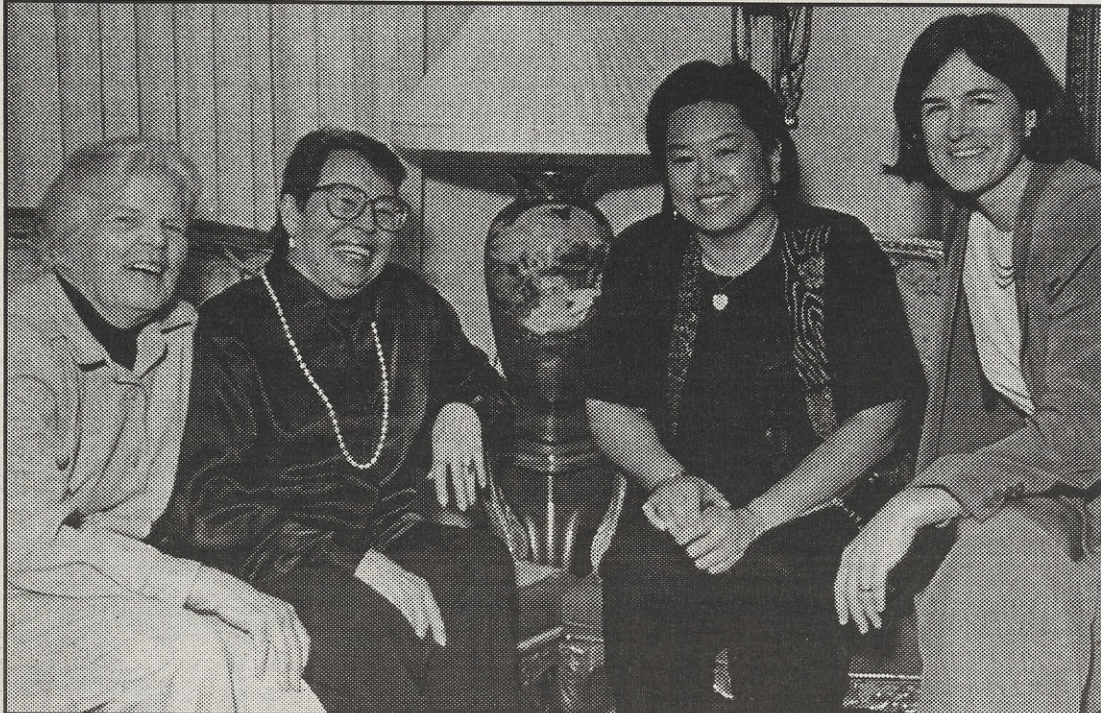
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UNDER THE DOME

Four Women Honored in San Francisco



Courtesy/Dana Davis

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Crystal Jang, Kate O'Hanlan, MD will be honored at the fifth annual benefit dinner and awards ceremony, "Lesbians of Achievement, Vision and Action" (LAVA) on Saturday, March 22 at the Grand ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Hotel, San Francisco. The Keynote Speaker is Sheila James Kuehl, California Assemblywoman, Mistress of Ceremonies is comedienne Suzanne Westenhofers and dancing is to Wild Mango. The LAVA Awards benefit the community-based "A Fund of Our Own," which provides grants to lesbian projects in health, human service, legal rights, education, arts and culture. Info (510) 843-8048.▼

Right Wing Introduces 1997 Anti-Gay Marriage Manifesto

Senator Petye Knight (R-Palmdale) and Assembly Member Bob Margett (R-Arcadia) introduced SB 911 and AB 800, the "California Defense of Marriage Act". SBB 911 and AB 800 are two identical measures which seek to prohibit California from recognizing same gender marriages should they ever be legalized from other states.

"Social order... encouraged by fostering procreation and promoting the optimal development of children within a marital setting..." "The institution of marriage... fortified and protected rather than being further undermined and weakened by fundamentally redefining the constitution... to apply to any consenting... persons regardless of gender or number."

"The states's treasury... protected from the financial burden of providing millions of dollars for spousal health care, retirement, and other... benefits associated with state recognition of marriages other than between one man and one woman."

The Act further states that "A same sex relationship shall not be entitled to the benefits of marriage under the laws of this state." This section could apply to benefits currently received in certain cities and counties by "domestic partners."

"These bills will not get out of their first committees," said Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE Lobby. "I'm sure that is why they are so inflammatory-Knight knows

he can't get anywhere so he wrote the most offensive bill, he's really letting his true colors show. These measures are about hate, not good public policy."

Both measures will go next to the Senate Committee or Judiciary and the Assembly Committee on Judiciary Hearings are likely to be held in April on early May. LIFE Lobby encourages all to write to the Judiciary committees and register opposition to these bills.

For copies of AB 800 or SB 911, call the Legislative Bill Room at 445-2323 or visit the California home page- <http://leginfo.public.ca.gov>.

Letters regarding AB 800 (Margett): The Honorable Martha Escutia, Chair, Assembly Judiciary Cmte., State Capitol, Room 3132, Sac 95814.

Letters regarding SB 911 (Knight): The Honorable John Burton, Chair, Senate Judiciary Cmte. State Capitol, Room 2205, Sac 95814.

Please send a copy of your letter to LIFE Lobby, 926 J Street, Ste. 522, Sac 95814, 444-0424.▼

National Gay and Lesbian Leaders Symposium meet in Philadelphia

Gay/Lesbian leaders will be going to Philadelphia to share ideas on the future of the g/l movement at PrideFest Philadelphia's 2nd Annual National Gay and Lesbian Leaders Symposium, Saturday May 10, 1997. "Last year, this symposium was taped for syndication on American Public Radio (APR) and broadcast on 7 major market stations. This year we expect more than 15 cities to carry the program," says Jill Wolfe, PrideFest program chair.

Moderated by "Radio Times" host Marty Moss-Coane, the Leaders Symposium panel will include: Katherine Acey, Executive Director of Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation; Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director, Lambda Legal defense and Education Fund; Steve Gunderson, former U.S. Congressman; and attorney/author/activist Urvashi Vaid.

Suggestions for discussion will be accepted until April 15, and they can be e-mailed to info@PrideFest.org, mailed to PrideFest Philadelphia, 200 S. Broad St., Ste. 200 Phil.PA 19102, or call 1/800/990-FEST.▼

NOT MY AISLE

Montel Williams: Porno Hypocrite

Guess who just walked down my aisle? Montel Williams. That's right, the ex-military moralist, defender of teen-age mothers whose boyfriends beat them and have sex changes; who, not able to conform to civilian society, somehow got his own talk show: Mr. Montel Williams.

I have to admit I sometimes watch his show and I used to admire him a lot (like when he ran the two-part Martin Luther King, Jr. episodes). He's a male version of Oprah who unlike Oprah isn't afraid to say the bleeding obvious. But where's the fear in doing nothing but regurgitating what no one else has the balls to take issue with in the first place? You can be moralistically smug only so long before people start to want to rip that little mustache right off your big, bald, constantly bobbing head.

So what bit my ass hard enough to make me want to turn against Mr. Thang? Well, it's been coming for a while, but what really yanked my chain was when he and one of his guests touched on one of my favorite areas: porno-hypocrisy. Stand back, the hand's gonna talk, child!

Montel recently aired a show where he had on his favorite type of people: undercover journalists. You know, the people who are supposed to protect us by exposing the rotten things done by other people, but inevitably just end up shoving their own version of the moralistic code down our throats?

He had on some dork showing clips on a piece he had done about computer porn (hey, maybe there's an aspect of this crap they haven't covered on every news show in the past five years). The guy had taken a hidden camera and gone to a computer convention in some small town not even Angela Bennett would have bothered with, and found tons of people buying computer porn displayed openly. The camera then showed two teen-age boys who were looking at one of the displays and then another man who was looking at the display while holding his toddler in his arms. Gasp!

Now don't get me wrong, I think kids and porn should be kept as far apart as gerbils and - well, you know...but what really got to me was the reporters comment "[this town] was able to stop the conventioners from displaying the adult computer programs because of the "Community Standards Act of this town."

Now for those of you that haven't read the "I'm 21 and feel" portion of the adult catalogs you get in the large manilla envelopes, "Community Standards" is basically what the neighbors say they think you should be doing while they don't admit that 90% of the time, they're doing the same thing as you are.

This point is illustrated impeccably by the man's own tape. He said they stopped the displays because of community standards." Yet, on the tape, people from the "community" were buying the programs like hotcakes! Hello!!! If you were any denser you could be a rain forest!

Well, Montel almost came. He was so happy they had gotten rid of the menace that was going to turn those two teenagers into mass-murdering, Satan-worshipping, gang-banging, crack addicts. Oh, wait, I'm confusing porn with the public school system. Silly Me.

By the way Montel, stages are supposed to face the audience. Just thought you should know. Now get the hell outta my aisle!▼

-Matthew Burlingame-Couk

Make sure children who really need help get it by supporting: Child Quest International 1625 Alameda Suite. 400, San Jose CA 95126. And while you're at it, make sure that consenting adults, alone in their bedrooms, still get to look at naked people by writing, faxing or calling any (or all) of our local government officials. They're listed on page 24 of the Pacific Bell Yellow Pages.

Matthew Burlingame-Couk is a long time Sacramento Resident who spends an extraordinarily large amount of time watching talk shows. Write him at MGW, 1725 L St. Sac. CA 95814 or E-Mail at info@mgwnews.com

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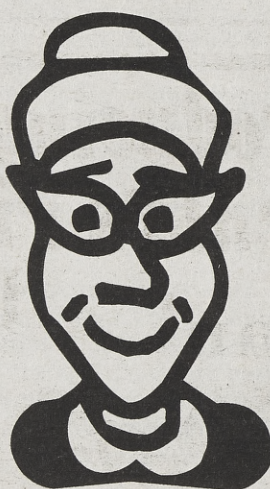
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LOCAL NEWS

Annual Garden Tour Set for May

Variety is the price of the second annual SAGA Garden and Yard Tour, set for Sunday, May 18, to benefit SAGA Bowling. Ten gardens and yards are being selected to show off the variety around Sacramento. Ranging from modest charmers to expansive dazzlers, this collection of gardens promises to be the one garden tour not to be missed this year.

"We thought last year's tour had everything," says Eric Geiger, organizer of the event. "Some of those yards were designed in themes, by professional landscape architects, but most were put together by the owners themselves. We expect to surpass last year's success in every way."

Geiger notes that many people go on garden tours to admire their neighbors' handiwork, to get ideas for their own gardens or just stroll through a beautiful, natural setting. "We're still looking at gardens to include," he says. "We haven't yet nailed down the area we want to stick to, so we're looking at gardens that have something special, something unusual. Each one is unique." SAGA is the parent organization for various teams and athletes, as well as arts groups, who will be participating in the Gay Games in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1998.

To offer your garden or a friend's for the tour, or for ticket information, call Eric Geiger at 453-1918. ▼

POLICE DIALOGUE

New Program Started for Midtown Business Owners

MGW/Sgt. Cara Westin

The Sacramento Police Department has just launched a pilot program to train business owners and employees in business safety and personal security. The program, co-sponsored by the Midtown Business Association, provides ten hours of instruction designed to prepare the businessperson to safely handle a wide variety of business related crimes and problems.

Some of the topics covered in the seminar will be robbery, burglary, implementing a business/community watch, personal security, communicating with the police call-taker, shoplifting, internal theft, credit card/check cashing fraud, safe streets techniques, hostage survival, and crime scene investigation. These topics may change based on input from participants in this program.

The first series of seminars is targeted to the J Street corridor in response to requests made by business people in the aftermath of the Bread Store robbery/homicide. This Business Watch Seminar is being held on five consecutive Thursday evenings at the First Methodist Church at 2100 J Street from 6-8 PM. The first meeting was on February 13th.

If you are a business person and wish to attend the remainder of these meetings, or wish to schedule a seminar series in your area, please contact CSO Tawnya Bump at 566-6418 ext. 3. ▼

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Gay Games Amsterdam 1998 Kicks Off

On February 19 pre-registration for Gay Games Amsterdam 1998 (August 1-8) officially started with a press luncheon in Amsterdam where the pre-registration brochure was presented. The pre-registration will be used to determine the level of interest in both the sports and cultural events, the anticipated turnout by women and the registration of people with a disability. Participants can also pre-register by sending in a form available on the GAY GAMES website: <http://www.dds.nl/~gaygames>.

The fifth Gay Games are unique in more than one way. For the first time an European city will host the Gay Games, organizers are placing equal emphasis on culture and sports and, an even more ambitious goal, Gay Games Amsterdam 1998 strive for equal participation of men and women.

An international call center has been established to handle all registration and general information inquiries. Together with the website and the English quarterly newsletter "Friendship" the call center is the third channel of information from Gay Games Amsterdam 1998. The call center in Amsterdam can be reached by dialing 011-31-20-427 1998.

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Taxing Homophobia

The American Family Association, a homophobic media watchdog group, has launched another attack on the National Endowment for the Arts. The AFA has targeted "lesbian pornography," the films and videotapes by Women Make Movies, Inc.

AFA members are being encouraged to sign thousands of pre-printed postcards, addressed to congressional conservatives Trent Lott (Senate Majority Leader) and Newt Gingrich (House Majority Leader). The postcards state: "Two years ago the Congress voted to phase out the National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA continues to fund pornography through groups like Women Make Movies. I am asking you to help make sure the NEA is closed down and decent, hard-working Americans don't have to worry about their tax dollars being wasted on this 'art' any longer."

Challenge the AFA's censorious rants, and advise your Congressional representatives to do the same. Your state Senators, district Representative, tel. 800-962-3524 or 202-225-3121. Send protest cards to: Sen. Trent Lott, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-0001;

Rep. Newt Gingrich, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515-0001, tel. 202-225-4501, fax 202-225-4656, e-mail GEORGIA6@HR.HOUSE.GOV. Info: Women Make Movies, contact Debra Zimmerman, WMM Executive Director, tel. 212-925-0606 ▼

There in the Spirit

Camp Sister Spirit, the embattled lesbian outpost in Overt, Mississippi, has issued a call for supportive "letters-to-the-editor." The camp recently came under attack in the "Hattiesburg American" (Feb. 23), which carried a hateful missive from J. D. Hendry, president of Mississippi For Family Values.

Drop line of support for Camp Sister Spirit, and let the "citizens of Overt" know that queers shall not be moved by bigotry.

Contact: Letters to the Editor, "Hattiesburg American," Box 1111, Hattiesburg, MS 39401, tel. 601-584-3128, fax 601-584-3130, e-mail HBAmerican@aol.com. Correspond to Brenda Henson, Executive Director, Camp Sister Spirit, Box 12, Overt, MS 39464, e-mail SisterSpir@aol.com.▼

National Hardware

The "National Enquirer" has to defamed gay youth, transvestites, rock musicians, and Cher, all in one issue (Feb. 18). A two-page spread, headlined "Cher's Nightmare," "Cher's bad-boy son Elijah Blue has become a transvestite, and he viciously broke his mother's heart by hissing 'Let's face it, I'm far prettier and more talented than you!'"

Contact: Malcolm Hayes, Managing Editor, "National Enquirer," Lantana, FL 33464, tel. 561-586-1111 (Florida) or 310-657-9872 (Los Angeles), e-mail letters@nationalenquirer.com; Dr. Anthony Pietropinto, 2 5th Ave. New York, NY 10011-8835, tel. 212-674-6375.▼

Family Values in Sacramento

If you are "a lesbian who is co-parenting with a gay male, or vice versa," a Sacramento TV station wants you! Specifically, Channel 13 is seeking interviews for a story "on lesbian and gay people who have decided to co-parent intentionally with each other." Info: Lynn Diehl, at 800-374-8813. ▼

Part of an Unbalance Breakfast?

The Family Research Council (FRC) and other fundamentalist groups have uncovered a "secret surprise in kids' cereal boxes . . . Liberal Ideas!" The FRC has lambasted a cooperative effort by the Nickelodeon television network and Post cereals, which have produced a "Kids' Bill of Rights" — a statement of basic rights, listed on

a card, and inserted in boxes of Fruity Pebbles and Alpha Bits.

Contact: PM/General Foods (makers of Post cereals), 120 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, tel. 212-878-2165 or 800-343-0975; Nickelodeon, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036; Family Research Council, 801 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, tel. 800-225-4008.▼

Rare Find

Critics have hailed Helmer Su Friedrich's new film, "Hide and Seek", as an effective challenge to "the notion that there is such a thing as a 'typical' or 'normal' childhood." According to "Variety" (Feb. 18), this work is "a provocative, often entertaining documentary about lesbian childhood, which weaves archival scientific footage and sex-education films with real growing-up tales." At the center of attention is "Lou, a 12-year-old girl growing up in the 1960s," and the film specifically explores "early feelings of desire, as they are repressed and molded by society's mass media, educational institutions and the family." "Hide and Seek" breaks new thematic ground, "Variety" concludes, "But its specialized goal makes it a likely candidate for PBS and other venues for nonfiction fare, after traveling the gay and lesbian festivals."

Contact: "Daily Variety," 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036, tel. 213-857-6600, fax 213-857-0742; "Hide and Seek" is an ITVS (Independent Television Service) production.▼

Cyber-Hate, Take Two

In the wake of domestic terrorism, the mainstream media have provided a virtual "rash" of stories about hate groups and the Internet. "The Independent" (March 1) featured a cover story on the subject, written by Kristen Reyes and headlined: "Hate Groups Having A Field Day On The Internet." Citing a recent audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League, Reyes reports that, over the past year, "anti-Semitic and other hate groups increased their audience with the help of modern technology." Amongst

the "other groups," however, homophobes are not considered, or even mentioned, by Reyes.

Interestingly, the technological benefits to homophobes accrue equally (and perhaps even more) to homosexuals. The perils of the Net are also its promise.

Contact: "San Francisco Independent," 1201 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124, tel. 415-826-1100, fax 415-826-5371; MSNBC, 2200 Fletcher Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, e-mail opinion@msnbc.com, http://www.msnbc.com; "Militia Watchdog," http://www.militia-watchdog.org.▼

Roadblocks on the Superhighway

The Markle Foundation recently commissioned a study of Internet access, and preliminary results suggest some disturbing trends. The "information superhighway" appears decidedly LESS-accessible to women, minorities and the poor.

In this new survey, authored by Dr. James Katz, disproportionate numbers of African American and Latino respondents reported "not being aware of the Internet." In addition, this group was more likely to be female (64% of those who reported being unaware of the Internet were women) and less well off (58% had a household income below \$25,000).

According to Lloyd Morrisett, president of the Markle Foundation, "The success of the World Wide Web, which barely existed four years ago, is raising important questions as to whether a 'digital divide' is opening up in our country."

Contact: For a complimentary copy of the new survey, "Motivations For and Barriers to Internet Usage", call Erik Brand, at the International Advisory Council, tel. 212-226-0898. Info: Markle Foundation projects, http://www.markle.org e-mail: info@markle.org.▼

Detective Deception

"Broadcasting unchallenged 'official' or 'expert' information is one of network news' most blatant

examples of bias." This and other tips can be found in the "FAIR Media Bias Detector," which includes a do-it-yourself "Media Bias Scorecard" for rating the news [http://www.igc.org/fair/media-bias-detector.html].

This online "Detector" has been adapted from the book "Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in News Media," written by FAIR's Martin Lee and Norman Solomon. The Fairness & Accuracy In Media (FAIR) web site features various resources [http://www.igc.org/fair/]; of particular use to "armchair activists" is a handy "Media Contact List," which provides current addresses and other contact information for major newspapers, TV stations, magazines, and other news outlets.

Place

A relatively recent strand on the world wide web, "Gay Place Online Magazine" offers national and international news for the gay and lesbian communities [http://gayplace.com/]. Issue #2 includes a variety of action alerts and news features, as well as humor, fiction and poetry.▼

Queer/Asian

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NEWS CLIPS

by Deni Markuson
MGW/News Editor

L.A. settles case against ex-officer

The city of Los Angeles has agreed to pay \$87,000 to a man to settle a brutality lawsuit in which he accused a police officer who now works in Tacoma, Wash., of beating him during a 1991 gay-rights demonstration.

"I hope it sends a clear message...that lesbian and gay people will not just lie down and get beat up," Peter J. Mackler said after accepting the settlement.

According to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Mackler was part of a crowd of demonstrators who in November 1991 were protesting Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of a bill that would have barred employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

As police tried to break up the protest at a GOP fund-raiser, an officer shoved Mackler in the back with a baton more than 10 times, said Lambda spokesman Jon Davidson.

When Mackler tried to get Officer David Peck's badge number, the officer struck Mackler in the face with his baton, knocking him to the ground and causing serious injuries to his eye, Lambda said. The officer then "threw Mackler several times," Lambda said. Mackler was not arrested.

As part of the settlement, the LAPD was directed to circulate a memo reminding officers of their duty to identify themselves, Dickerson said.

- Philadelphia Gay News

Gay Medical Association hires first public policy director

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA), the San Francisco-based national organization of

lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physicians and medical students, has hired nationally known lesbian and gay health advocate Marj Plumb to be the association's first Director of Public Policy.

Plumb has more than two decades of experience in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and women's health movements, and is nationally respected as a leading advocate on lesbian and gay health.

GLMA, founded in 1981 as the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, is an organization of more than 1,800 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physicians, medical students and their supporters in all 50 states and 12 countries. GLMA works to maximize the quality of health services, to promote full civil rights, and to foster a professional climate in which its members can achieve their full potential.

Gay teens educate teachers

Addressing more than 150 educators at the National Education Association's annual conference in February, three gay teenagers recounted what it was like growing up in Wash. D.C. area schools. Each made compelling pleas to teachers to confront anti-gay language and to let students know that teachers won't tolerate it.

The meeting marked the first time gay youth were invited to address the group. NEA President Bob Chase invited them earlier this year by contacting the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League in D.C., a youth advocacy group that last year launched a "Safer Schools" coalition of groups committed to pushing for safer schools for gay students in the D.C. area.

"Most teachers just ignore homophobic slurs," said Nathan Postell IV, a SMYAL youth board member and recent high school

graduate. "Gay and lesbian youth need to know that if they're in a situation where they need help, they can get it from their teachers and their administration."

"The 'sticks and stones' statement we all heard when we were little isn't true," said Postell. "Words can kill."

A 1989 study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that gay teens are two to six times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual peers. Nationally, 28 percent of gay youth drop out of school because of anti-gay harassment, and 40 percent say their school work suffers because of homophobia at school, according to the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teacher's Network.

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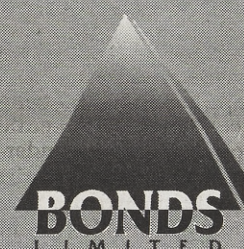
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Antelope Community Planning	open filing	3 residents of area
Arden-Arcade Community Planning	open filing	4 residents of area
Board of Plumbing Examiners	open filing	4 various
Building Board of Appeals mechanical	open filing	1 plumbing/1
Carmichael Community Planning	open filing	5 residents of area
Carmichael Recreation & Park District	open filing	1 resident of area
Children's Coalition	open filing	9 various
Cosumnes Area Community Planning	open filing	3 residents of area
County Service Area #4B	open filing	2 residents of area
County Service Area #4C	open filing	3 residents of area
County Service Area #4D	open filing	3 residents of area
Elk Grove Community Planning	open filing	8 residents of area
Galt/Arno Cemetery District	open filing	1 resident of area
Kiefer Landfill Citizens	open filing	1 member-at-large
Maternal, Child, & Adolescent	open filing	1 member-at-large
Natomas Community Planning	open filing	3 residents of area
N. Highlands Community Planning	open filing	4 residents of area
Physically Handicapped Appeals Board	open filing	1 construction seat
Project Planning Commission	open filing	1 member
Rio Linda Community Planning	open filing	5 residents of area
Sacramento Comm. of History & Science	open filing	2 members
Sacramento County Mental Health Board members	open filing	3 public interest
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South Sacramento Area Community	open filing	2 residents of area
Southeast Area Community Planning	open filing	3 residents of area

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Minority/Women Business Enterprises	3-14-97	open
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Richards Boulevard Advisory Committee	3-7-97	3
Sacramento Youth Commission	3-28-97	3
Sacramento City/County Bicycle Advisory	3-7-97	2
Sacramento Commission of History/Science	3-7-97	open
Sacramento Memorial Auditorium	3-7-97	2

Applications will be accepted from the date the filing period begins until the closing date at 5 pm. On the second Wednesday following the closing of the filing period, the Board of Supervisors will consider the applications during the regular Board meeting. If a majority of the Board members present decide interviews are necessary, applicants under consideration will be interviewed. Info: 440-5411; Sac. Co. Bulletin Board System (BBS) via personal computer 441-0122, 441-1135.

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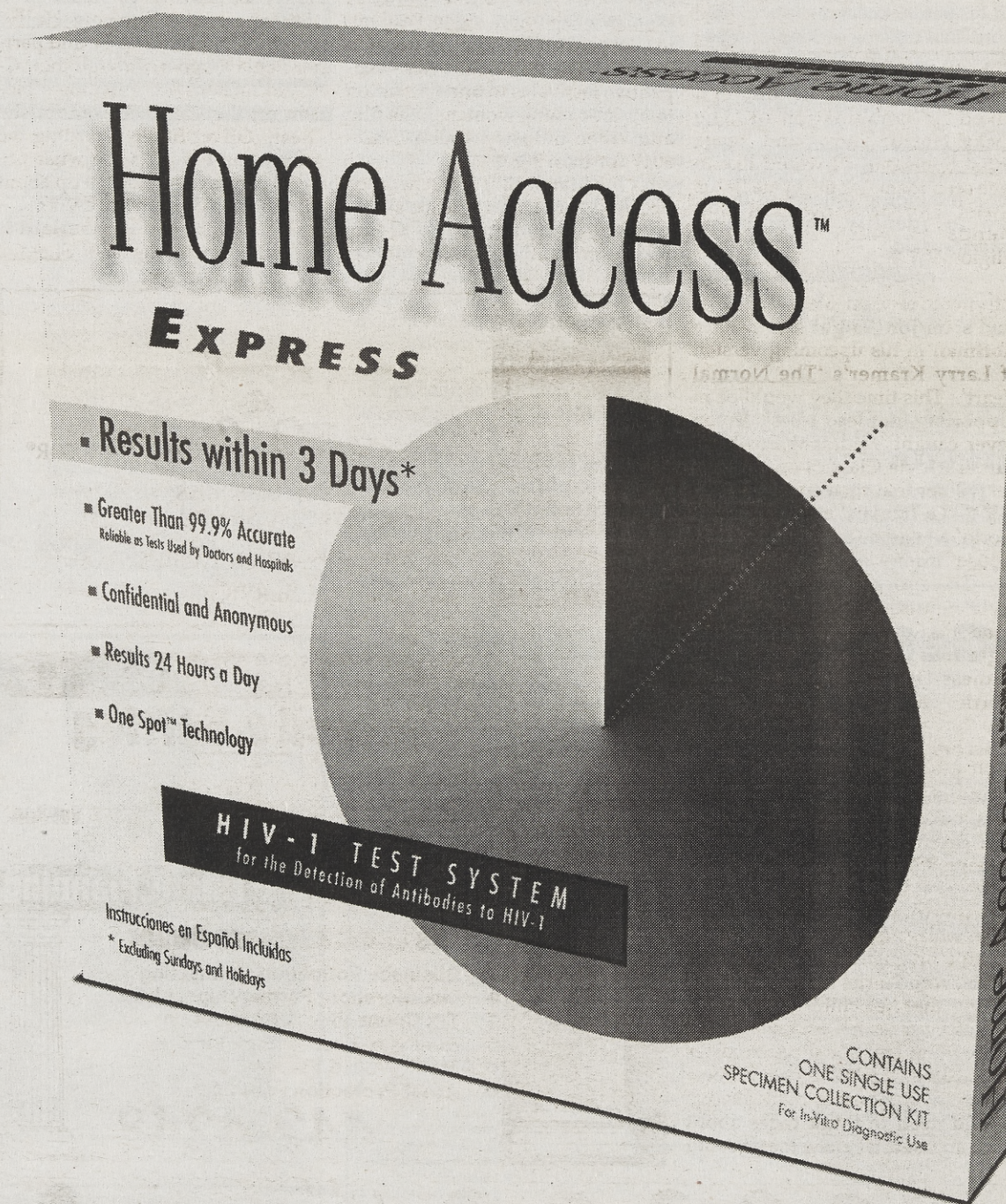
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HOW MANY S'S IN HOLLYWOOD?

A MESSIAH IN TRANSYLVANNIA

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

As if Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber hasn't had a bad enough year what with 'Sunset Boulevard' closing before seeing profit, D.C. tryouts for his new show 'Whistle Down The Wind' being shut down and missing out on any major Oscar nominations for the film version of 'Evita'. Now one more sacrilege has fallen upon his over-credited reputation with the March 28 opening of 'Rocky Horror Superstar' at S.F.'s Victoria Theatre. This camp-spoof musical comes from the



Klubstitute Kollektive and Terrance Alan Productions in the form of a mixed up combination of 'The Rocky Horror Show' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. I would like to have seen them use the name 'Jesus Christ Horror Show' but that sounds to much like a real religion.▼▼▼

Director John Schlesinger is trying to re-team 'Midnight Cowboy' stars Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman in his upcoming version of Larry Kramer's 'The Normal Heart'. This time they would be in supporting, not lead roles. If you never caught 'Midnight Cowboy', Turner Movie Classics cable channel will air it at then end of March.▼▼▼ 'La Traviata' meets 'The Real World' when PBS begins airing 'The House' from May 8 through June 12. The series is a documentary style behind-the-scenes look at London's Royal Opera House. During a full production season we'll witness Diva tantrums, funding worries and power struggles. And you thought you only got that with a Barbra Streisand movie.▼▼▼ A&E presents 'Judy Garland: Beyond the Rainbow' on March 23rd. This look at the life of the late legend promises never-before seen footage.▼▼▼

On March 23, Showtime airs the film version of Jonathan Tolin's play 'Twilight of the Gods' about a pregnant woman, Jennifer Beals, who learns through genetic testing that her child will be Gay. The story takes her and her family through an emotional rollercoaster of deciding whether to keep or abort the child. It's scary to think anyone would need to think twice about such an issue, let alone that it could

even be an issue. Brendan Fraser plays her Gay brother, Faye Dunaway and Garry Marshall (Penny's Brother) are her parents and Jon Tenney (Mr. Terri Hatcher) is her husband. Talk-show hostess with the mostess Rosie O'Donnell and Gay director John Schlesinger also appear.▼▼▼

Comedian Lea DeLaria may be crossing the Atlantic again. Having gained national attention with TV appearances on 'Matlock', 'Saved By The Bell' and the 'Arsenio Hall Show' she may be doing more British telly. The U.K.'s Channel Four is after the Lesbian comic to host one of the episodes of a series on the seven deadly sins. Lea would host the one on lust, I mean lust. Of course Lea would prefer the former.▼▼▼

New Conservatory Theatre will presents the S.F. premiere of Steven Dietz' 'The Lonely Planet' March 26 - May 17. The play looks at friendship and fear in the age of AIDS.▼▼▼ Hurry and place your bets, Oscars will be broadcast on March 24.▼▼▼ A group called WiseGirl Productions has organized an event called 'MadCat Women's Film and Video Festival' to take place in San Francisco March 21 - 23. The aim of the non-competitive festival is to bring attention to up-an-coming women in the film and video industry. Call 415-826-6017 for info.▼▼▼

March 28 is the scheduled opening for Aidan Quinn's new movie 'Commandments'. Quinn plays a misanthropic New Yorker

who goes over the edge and decides to break every one of the 10 Commandments. Didn't Pat Boone recently start the 11th commandment after appearing in leather in public?▼▼▼ The theme and content of k.d. Lang's next album has been quite hush hush, though singer has described it as having some of the "smokiest songs ever written." Well I guess that leaves out 'My Friend Elizabeth' as sung by Michael Jackson at the recent Liz Taylor birthday bash.▼▼▼

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner (Angels in America) has been hired by the San Francisco Opera to write the libretto for a new and original opera titled 'Saint Cecilia' while singer/composer Bobby McFerrin ('Don't Worry Be Happy') writes the music.▼▼▼ The project is based on the story 'Saint Cecilia or The Power of Music' about the patron Saint of music by 18th century German author Heinrich Von Kleist. The commissioned piece will premiere in San Francisco in November of 1999.▼▼▼

Just kids at heart. Former 'Kids In The Hall' member Scott Thompson and one-time child star Henry Thomas (E.T.) co-star in a picture called 'Hijacking Hollywood'.▼▼▼ Tom Cruise and partner Paula Wagner, through their C-W Productions are pursuing a bio-film on the life of Alexander the Great. Oliver Stone is writing the script. Can't wait to see what political controversy he digs up about this ancient Greek hero.▼▼▼

Richard Chamberlain is not retired and living off of 'Shogun'

residuals. The former Dr. Kildare co-stars with James Duval (The Doom Generation) in 'River Made To Drown In'. Also in the cast are Talia Shire (Rocky) and German cabaret star Ute Lemper.▼▼▼ 'My So Called Life' alumnus Wilson Cruz recently seen in the film 'Johns' will appear with ex-Batman Adam West in the 'Joyride' for director Quenton Peeples.▼▼▼ 'Beverly Hills 90210' guest star Casper Van Dien has the lead in 'James Dean: Race With Destiny'. Don't expect this to be a big hit, the cast features Robert Mitchum, Casey Kasem, Mike Connors (yes, 'Mannix') and Connie Stevens. Charles Nelson Reilly must have been unavailable directing 'Plaza Suite' in Boca Raton.▼▼▼

No sooner finished directing 'Batman and Robin', Joel Schumacher has agreed to direct the next version of the successful superhero series.▼▼▼ Jonathan Pryce (Carrington) joins James Wilby (Maurice) in Norstar Entertainment's motion picture 'Regeneration' for director Gillies MacKinnon.▼▼▼ Gay author Clive Barker has signed a multi-million dollar deal with 20th Century Fox for a number of unspecified television projects.▼▼▼

A recent issue of 'Entertainment Weekly' featured a story on the hit syndicated series 'Xena' and its strong Lesbian following. The series producer Liz Friedman, who is openly Gay stated "I don't have any interest in saying the characters are heterosexual. That's just bullshit, and no fun either."▼▼▼ If you liked the film version of Vito Russo's 'The Celluloid Closet' then

you'll probably love 'A Bit of Scarlet' which screened at last month's Berlin Film Festival. The British production is a documentary of gay themed movie scenes and was directed and edited by Andrea Weiss (Before Stonewall). The film is a compilation of clips from over 6 decades of British motion pictures brought together without historical or chronological order under the narration of Sir Ian McKellen. The clips include moments from 'The Trials of Oscar Wilde', 'Sunday Bloody Sunday', 'The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes', 'The Killing of Sister George' and much more. One scene features authentic footage of a real-life 'Victor/Victoria' with 1920s & 30s footage of British cabaret performer Ella Shields who favored men's clothing while singing romantic songs.▼▼▼ Surely you've heard by now that the alleged Playgirl photo of Antonio Banderas (Interview with the Vampire) was not of the latin hunk but of Colt calendar model Adam Hammer. Many may remember him from photo calendars by Jim French.▼▼▼

Birthdates of note this month, Stephen Sondheim turns 67 on March 22, Poet Paul Verlaine whose life was displayed in the movie 'Total Eclipse' was born on March 30 1844 and the late great playwright Tennessee Williams was born on March 26, 1904.▼▼▼

ENDQUOTE

"By acting so coy about this, Ellen Degeneres is only doing a disservice to the cause of Gay rights. She is treating Lesbianism as a shameful titter, a dirty secret. I thought we were past that by now."

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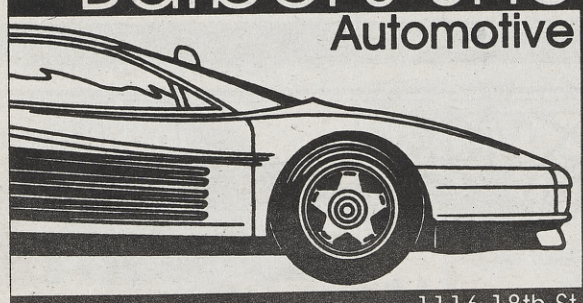
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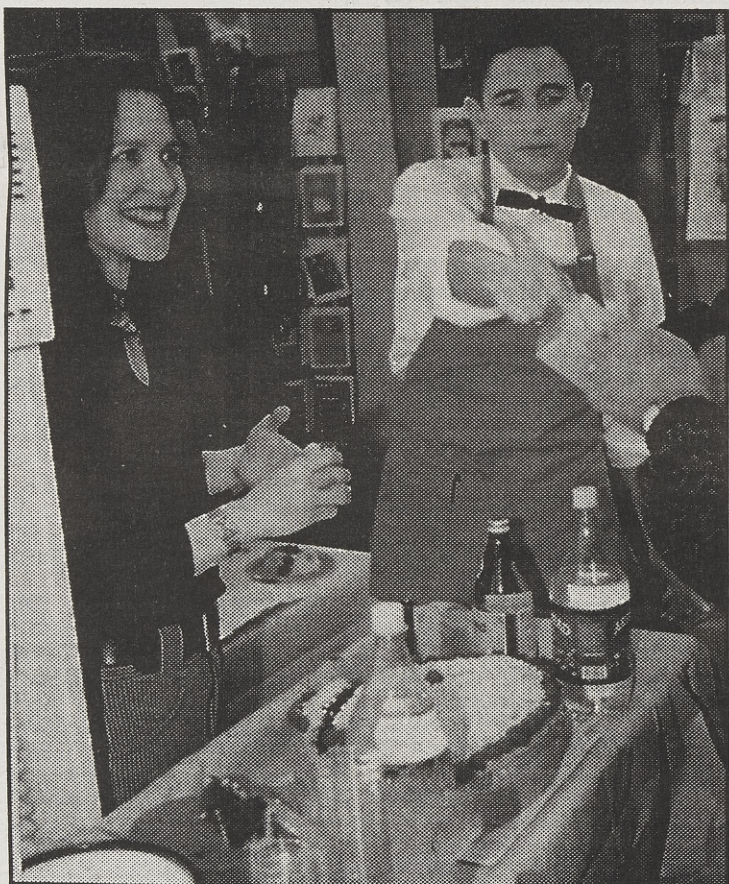
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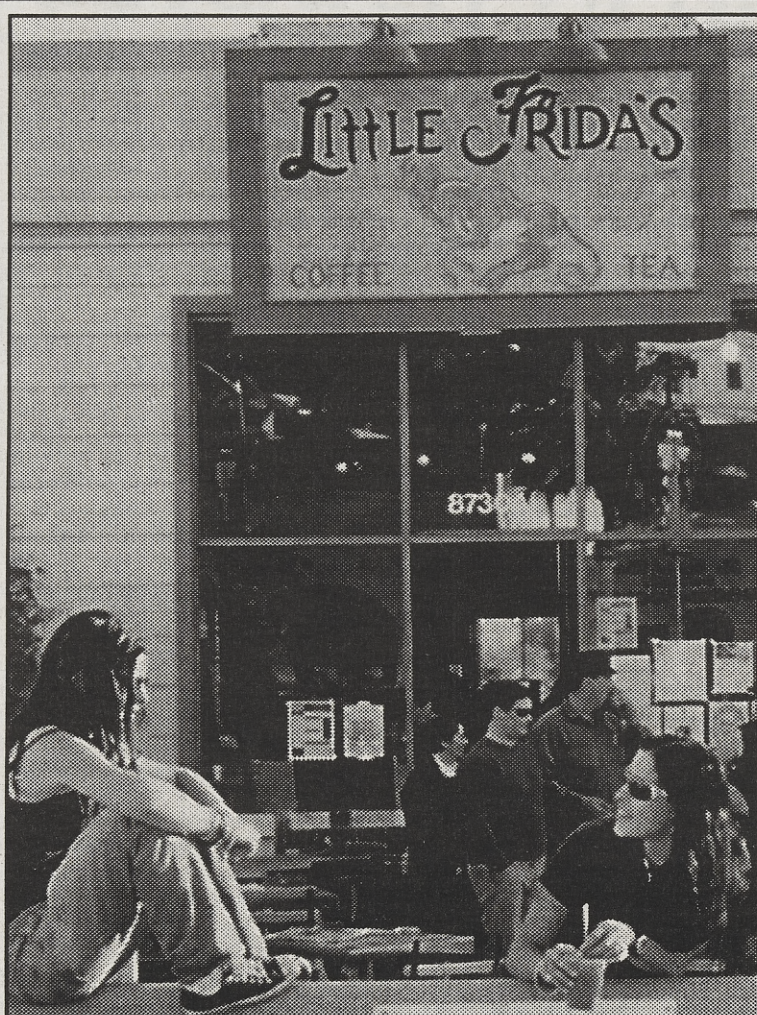
Phranc's Phabulous Phunny Valentines

On February 9th at A Different Light Bookstore in West Hollywood, everyone's favorite all-American Jewish Lesbian Folk singer, Phranc, AKA, The Cardboard Cobbler, was on hand to sign her pop art creations for Valentines Day. Phranc's work is now on sale at all A Different Light Bookstores.

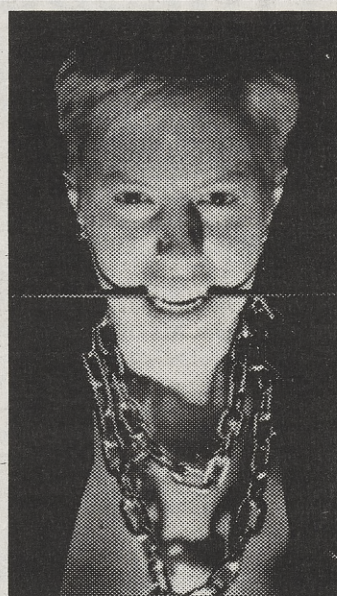


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Phranc serving a heart shaped cake made by Jeri Poll from A Different Light Bookstore.



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MGW Photographer Sharon Speller is showing her Lesbian Erotic Adventure Photography Show at Little Frida's Coffee House in West Hollywood thru March. Speller's work is also available at Lioness Books. ▼

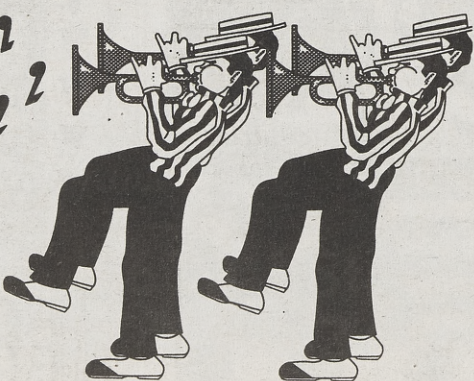


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Winners of the International Mr. Bear competition in San Francisco were David Dulan, Bear Cub Award; James Parton, Mr. International Bear; Michael Freer, Grizzly Bear award; and Lance Lirette was titled Daddy Bear.

Lambda Freedom Fair Committee Seeks Entertainers for June Event

Planning for 1997 Lambda Freedom Fair is underway and fair organizers are currently seeking Entertainers for the Sacramento gay pride event to be held at the State Capitol June 14. Volunteers needed. Those interested in performing in this year's Freedom Fair should submit an audition tape (audio or video) to the Lambda Community Center; Attention Lambda Freedom Fair Entertainment Committee, 919 20th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 ▼



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On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Religion and advertising clash...

One element of a 3-part public service campaign to raise support for AIDS research was canceled after complaints were filed. The American Family Association said the slogan, "Prayer

Won't Cure AIDS, Research Will," diminished the power of prayer.

The campaign, sponsored by AMFAR (American Foundation for AIDS Research), prompted complaints in Dallas and Fort Worth, where the slogans were emblazoned on city buses. Two other slogans,

"Red Ribbons Won't Cure AIDS," and "Sexual Abstinence Won't Cure AIDS," each followed by "Research Will," received little criticism. The campaign is being dropped in all the

mate this number to be as high as 40 percent) will continue to take combination therapy, possibly substituting such new drugs as Nevirapine (Viramune), classified

HIV transmission among injection drug users. As in other cities, the program has been criticized for encouraging illegal drug use and attracting drug addicts to the areas where needles are distributed.

In the meantime, President Clinton says he will not sanction any federal monies to support testing of human cloning. The entire concept, he says, flies in the face of the sanctity of creation.

New York Times challenges President...

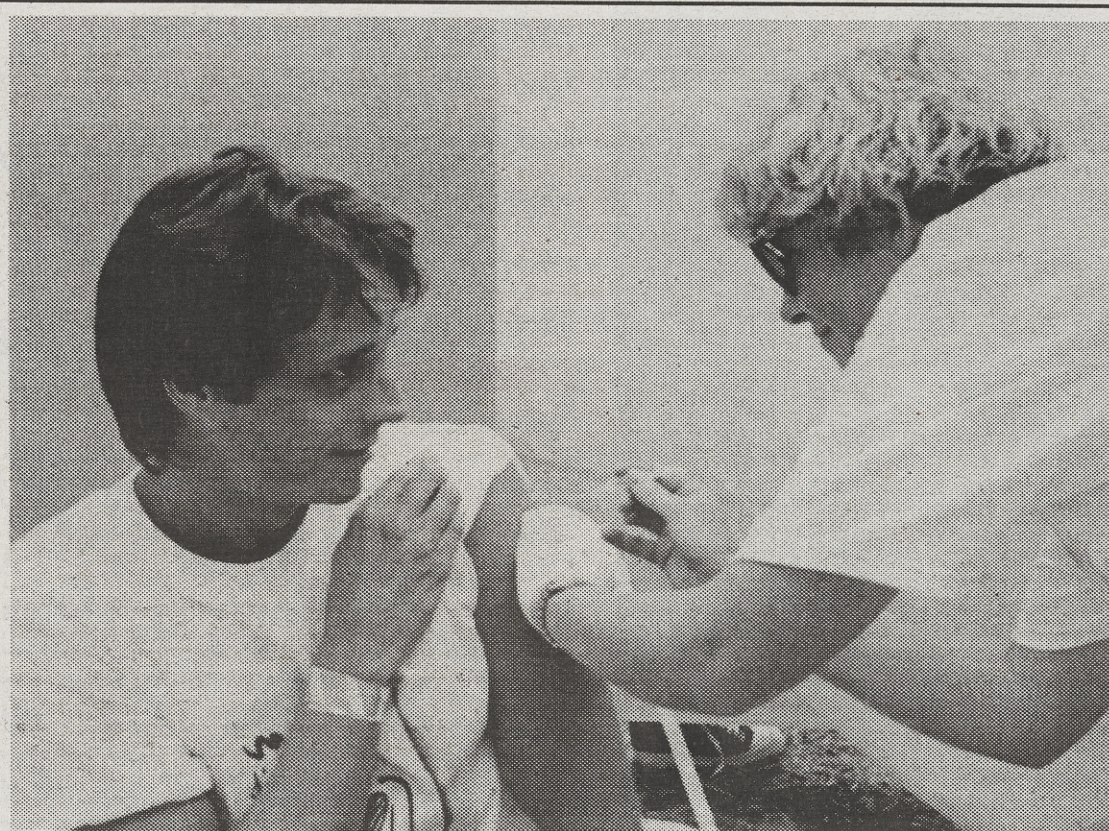
A New York Times editorial recently called upon President Clinton to have the courage to lift the ban on needle exchanges despite anticipated criticism. The editorial noted that several studies have concluded that needle exchanges help curb HIV

transmission among injection drug users and do not increase drug use.

"Undetectable" does not mean "gone"...

As the promising benefits of protease inhibitors are heralded in the gay community, educators worry that reduced fear of AIDS will lead to an increase in risky behavior and new HIV infections. Possible misinterpretations of the terminology used in viral load tests, capable of measuring only to 400 copies, may play a part because fewer than 400 copies are officially called "undetectable." Most AIDS experts say the probability is very low that all of the HIV virus could ever be removed from a person's body. When a person is told their virus is undetectable, this does not mean there is none there. Any amount of virus can be transmitted to another person. "The potential is there for a resurgence of transmission," say experts. Nearly 75 percent of the 157 gay and bisexual men recently surveyed in Miami reported having unprotected anal sex during the previous year.

See HIV, pg16



Mitchell Anderson at Winter Gayla

Mitchell Anderson, who plays "Ross" on Fox TV's *Party on Five*, received a hepatitis A vaccination during his appearance at Ft. Lauderdale's Winter Gayla '97 weekend. Anderson was on hand to help educate gay men about this contagious liver disease. Information about hepatitis A is available on the Internet at <http://www.boymeetsboy.com>, the web site sponsored by Havrix ® (hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated). ▼

cities where it ran, including San Francisco, New York and others.

San Diego AIDS Foundation closes...

On the last day of February, the San Diego AIDS Foundation suddenly closed its doors, leaving several thousand clients in momentary chaos. The Board of Directors of the Foundation says that service agencies throughout the city will provide the services needed by its clients.

Combination therapy re-emphasized...

A study by researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of more than 1,100 people in the advanced stages of AIDS found that those who took a combination of AZT, 3TC, and protease inhibitor Indinavir had half the cancers, infections, and deaths of people who took a two-drug combination. Previous research has centered on the drugs' ability to lower the amount of HIV in the body, rather than how the drugs affected health and survival.

People who are unable to take the FDA-approved protease inhibitors (some researchers esti-

as an NNRTI (non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor), or other protease inhibitors not yet approved by FDA, such as Nelfinavir (Viracept), VX-478, or others. Tests with Nevirapine show sustained improvements in T-cells when combined with other treatments such as DDI and AZT. The primary adverse effect appears to be rash. Unapproved treatments are accessed through expanded drug access programs.

Drug makers test Thalidomide...

Thalidomide, a sedative which caused severe birth defects in thousands of babies whose mothers took the drug in the late 1950s, is now being tested by several companies for its potential as treatment of various conditions such as suppressing inflammations, and treating severe AIDS-related weight loss, rheumatoid arthritis, severe mouth ulcers, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

Sticking Point...

Philadelphia's city-funded needle exchange program, called Prevention Point, last year exchanged more than 700,000 clean needles for used ones brought in by about 5,000 addicts. The program, the largest in the country, is run by two full-time workers and several volunteers. Public health officials say that such programs help reduce

Cloned animals offer faster path to new drugs...

The recent cloning of an adult sheep in Scotland is expected to lead to the cloning of animals now used as "drug factories," called transgenic animals. The technology developed produces genetically modified mammals capable of producing therapeutic proteins in their milk. Such transgenically-derived proteins are expected to be not only cheaper to produce, but also safer than blood-derived products because they will not transmit viruses, such as HIV and hepatitis. While transgenic animals are already being used to produce drugs, the cloning of such animals would be more efficient, since one large mammal can produce more protein in her milk than the large colonies of cells used now.

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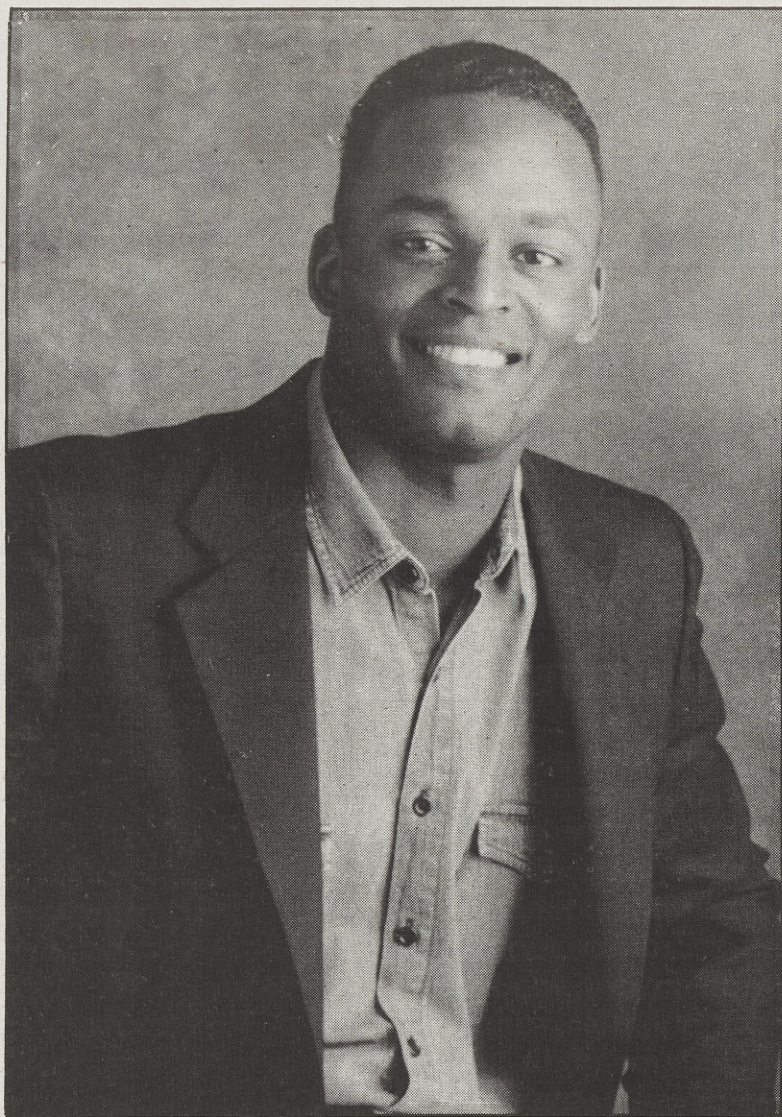
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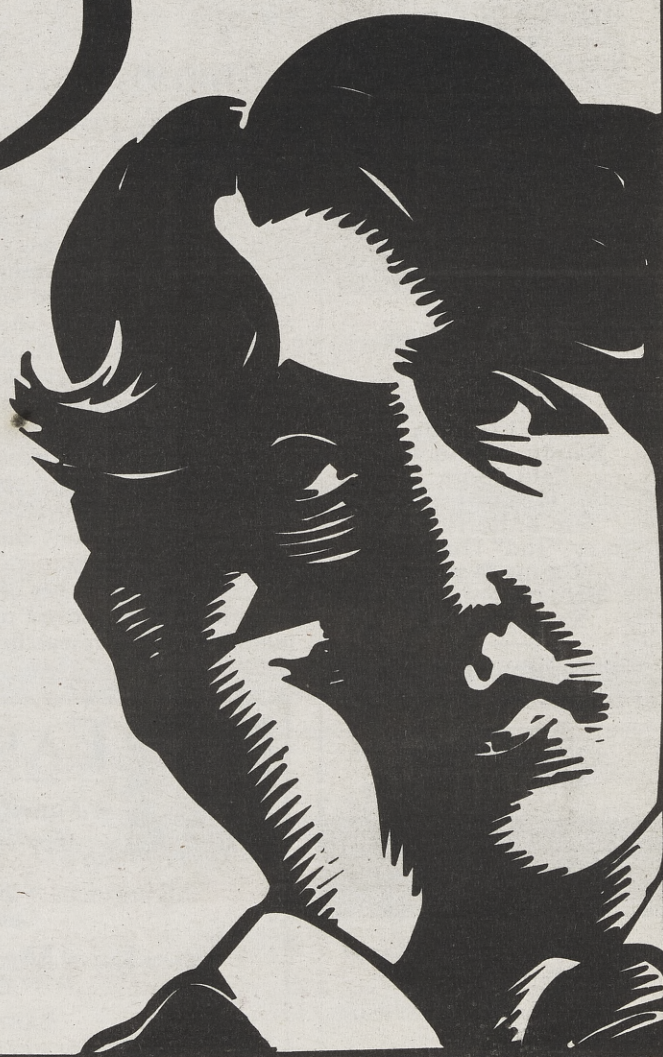
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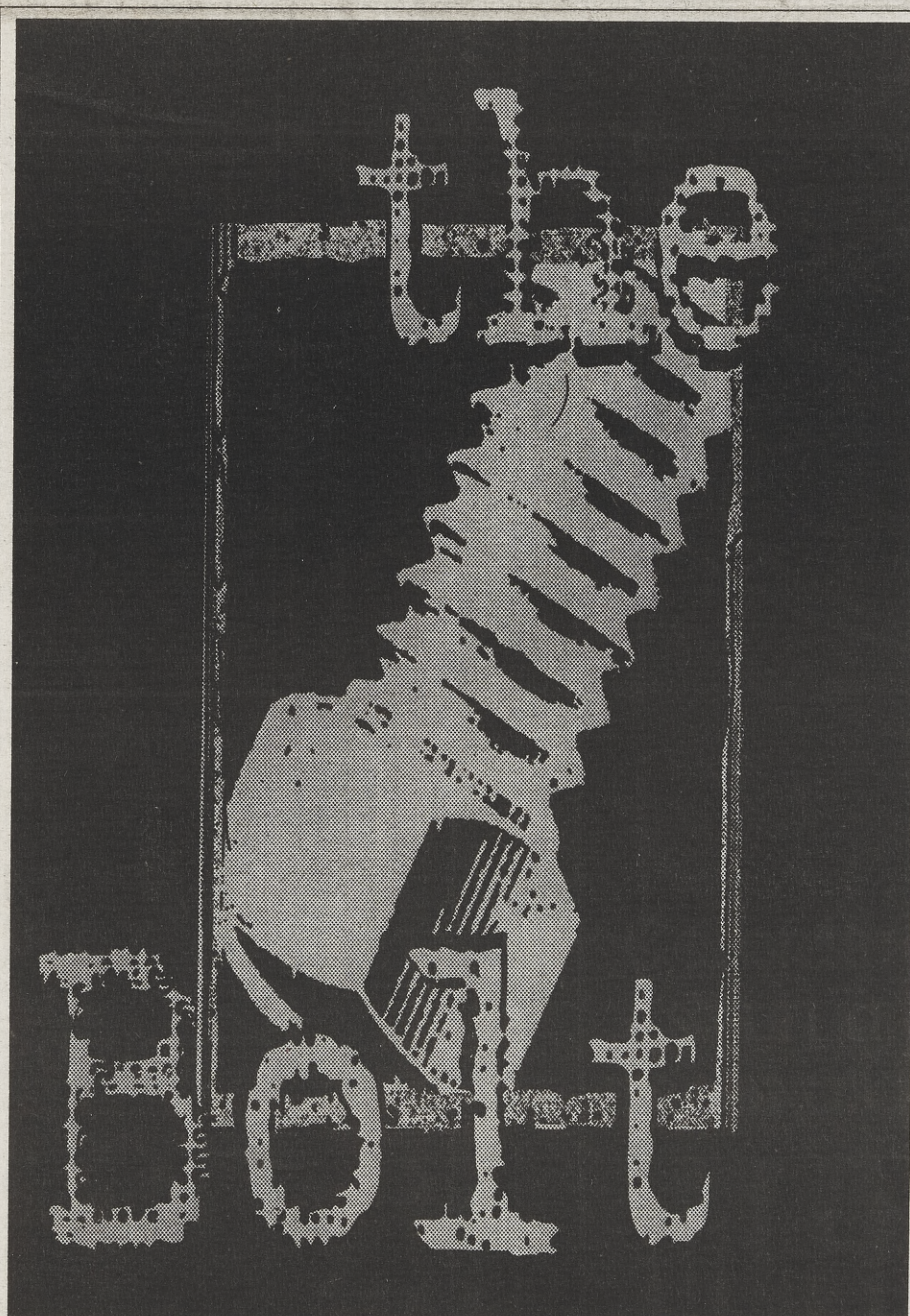




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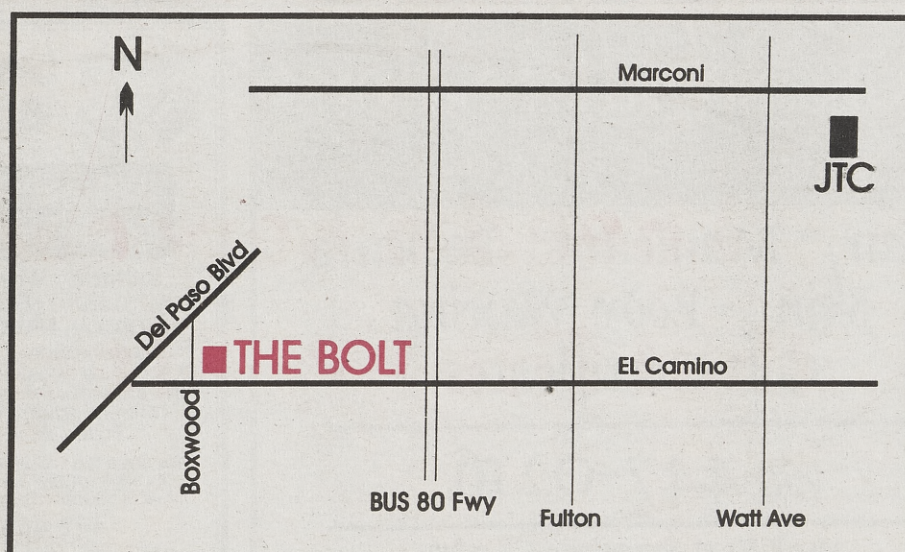
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Smarter than Gump

by Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

Sling Blade, Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Dwight Yoakam, John Ritter, and Lucas Black, Directed by Billy Bob Thornton. (134 min.)

When mentally handicapped people appear in movies, they usually inadvertently provide a poignant commentary on our society. Either we "normal" people are shown as singularly intolerant of anyone different from ourselves or we are revealed to be hopelessly out of touch with life or nature.

(Remember *Forrest Gump*'s "profound" statement about life being like a box of chocolates?)

Sling Blade, though it has elements of both scenarios, avoids either cliché. Instead, it forces us to question our assumptions about human nature and confront the difficult possibility that violence and sacrifice may be nobler than passivity and self-preservation.

When the film opens, Karl (Thornton) is released from a mental hospital where he spent many years for having committed a particularly gruesome (but effective) murder as a boy. Upon his release, he explains his crime and offers the apparently sincere conviction that he'll never hurt anyone again, let alone kill.

His reentry into society is bewildering. Not having any relatives to turn to, and with only a few dollars in his pocket, he's expected suddenly to take care of himself after so many years of being cared for.

Luckily for him, he's quickly befriended by a young boy, Frank

(Black). Both are naive and experienced in different ways, but they make a perfect match.

Even the adults he meets are friendly to him, after some initial hesitation (everyone wants to know why he was locked up for such a long time). Frank's mother, Linda, agrees to let Karl stay with them, and her gay friend Vaughan (Ritter) tells him that she and Frank are like Vaughan's second family, so he must promise never to hurt them.

Then Doyle (Yoakam) appears as Linda's boyfriend. A typical control freak, he can't tolerate Karl's intrusion into his domain. Doyle is clearly a bad apple with a pathetic, supplicating streak that comes out only when he's finally challenged and overwhelmed by hostility from others.

When he's not whining for forgiveness he terrorizes Frank, Linda, and all of his supposed friends. Karl's way of handling the situation is very practical, though not perhaps good for his well-being. Still, it ensures the safety of those he loves.

The most fascinating character in the movie is clearly Karl. Billy Bob Thornton has created a very interesting personality, with unusual, yet amusing ticks. His voice is odd, of course, and his steps seem tentative, but his guttural "mm, hm" at the end of each sentence lends an air of certainty to everything he says. His constant reminding of others that he's read the Bible, yet doesn't think he understood much of it, points him out to be something of an incomplete saint. It must have taken great self-discipline to direct everyone else while keeping Karl's personality consistent.

Unusual, yet realistic portrayals appear throughout *Sling Blade*. Lucas Black is great as Frank. His character is unlike most Hollywood portrayals of kids (namely, as smart-alecks). His innocence is charming, not fake.

John Ritter's Vaughan is a bit of a parody of the gay man whose self-confidence extends to the walls of his own closet. Everyone knows he's gay, yet he still thinks it's important to hide that fact from others. Indeed, it's telling how accepting the locals are to him (Doyle excepted, of course). Thornton paints a different picture of Arkansas than most of us would believe possible. The deep South looks different in this movie, and we can only hope we get to see more of this interesting world in his future films. ▼



Billy Bob Thornton and Lucas Black in a scene from Billy Bob Thornton's *Sling Blade*

San Francisco International Film Festival: April 24-May 8, 1997

Now in its 40th year, the San Francisco International Film Festival (SFIFF) is North America's oldest film festival, will feature 160 films from 46 countries.

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The Festival will kick-off with a 40th anniversary gala hosted by San Francisco's Mayor Willie Brown on April 23. Film Festival screenings run from April 24 to May 8 at San Francisco's AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, the Castro Theatre, the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley, and the Lark Theatre in Larkspur. Info: (415) 931-FILM ▼

GAY VIDEO PICK

Beyond Therapy

by Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

Beyond Therapy, Starring Jeff Goldblum, Christopher Guest, and Julie Hagerty, Directed by Robert Altman. (93 min., US, 1987)

A comedy about the frantic goings-on of a group of sex-obsessed neurotics and their equally unbalanced psychologists. Goldblum likes both Guest and Hagerty. This drives her crazy, but Tom Conti and Glenda Jackson's psychiatrist advice only makes everyone more loony. Though apparently panned on its initial release, the film, while "wildly uneven," displays a gay sensibility that "reigns supreme." (Source: Images in the Dark by Raymond Murray.) ▼

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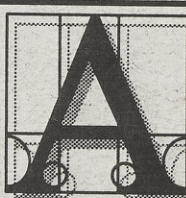


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OPERA

Double Punch Closes Sacramento Opera Season

by Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

Highly engaging productions of *I pagliacci* and *Gianni Schicchi* lowered the curtain on the Sacramento Opera's 1996-97 season. The double bill opened with Leoncavallo's familiar dark tale of infidelity, jealousy, and murder amid a troop of traveling entertainers in Calabria.

Extremely effective, well-rounded performances by Gail Dobish as Nedda (the wife of Canio, the leader of the troop) and Adib Fazah as Tonio (the troop's clown) turned the opera into a test of wills between these two strong characters. They were the center of the tragedy. Every nuance of Ms Dobish's actions showed us a young woman trapped in a (by now) loveless marriage to a brutal older man. But she had shed her innocence through the years of traveling with the troop, and was capable with dealing violently with Tonio's advances. The thoughtless way in which she tossed aside his offering of a flower suggested that the rigors of life on the road were taking their toll. Yet her dreamy fondling of personal items during the duet with Silvio suggested that youthful dreams were not completely dead. Her soprano had a dark dramatic sound to it but was not always well equalized or comfortable in the passages requiring flexibility. She was at her best singing sustained melody.

With his powerful baritone, Mr. Fazah was vocally exciting as Tonio. The famous Prologue was thrillingly sung. Even more memorable was his convincing portrayal of a vile man with a few traces of tenderness remaining, but one who could gloat over his most horrible revenge on Nedda.

As Canio, Quade Winter's throaty tenor lacked color and flexibility. He nearly cracked on some high notes (in the "a ventitre ore" phrase near the beginning) but sang the famous "Vesti la giubba" securely if without much pathos. Perhaps Sacramento's pollen-clogged air was at work? His first-act costume was a disaster. Mr. Winter is a large man, very round at the middle. His short tunic dangling just below the belly, coupled with big baggy pants, gave him the unintended look of a clown. A Greek sailor's hat completed the illusion. Oddly enough, he was far more effective dramatically in the last act, when he actually was dressed as a clown. Although not a natural actor, he did make a creditable attempt.

James Busterud sang Nedda's lover Silvio with a slightly reedy baritone. He acting was a bit stiff, but effective enough. Singing Beppe, Kevin Skiles' pleasant tenor was a little hoarse on top.

Some of Monroe Kanouse's tempos were slow and drawn out. The singers could handle it, but things did drag at times, especially in the Nedda-Silvio duet. The chorus made its usual fine contribution to the performance. The simple

conventional sets and costumes complemented the drama. The action was extremely well-directed by David Gately, giving the opera a sense of realism seldom seen. One example: During the play-within-a-play of the last act, Canio's desperate outbreak was followed by a very long breathless silence. Everyone on-stage simply froze. As Nedda timidly tried to resume the play, a great sense of release ran through the on-stage audience: it was only a play after all. The audience in the opera house shared this release!

Puccini's one-act comedy *Gianni Schicchi*, set in 1299 Florence, is based on a character in Dante's *Inferno* who went to hell for forging a will. Buoso Donati has just died, leaving everything to the monks of Santa Reparata. Gianni Schicchi, a wily peasant, agrees to help the disinherited relatives by posing as the dying Donati and dictating a new will. The plan works, except he leaves the best things to himself. A subplot involves the love affair between Schicchi's daughter Lauretta and Rinuccio.

This short opera is an ensemble piece, and in this production everyone contributed to its success through fine acting and singing. The characters were slightly exaggerated, just enough to make them funny but not ludicrous. Adib Fazah turned from the vengeful Tonio to the clever Schicchi, disdainful of the upper class but rather dense relatives. As Lauretta, Fatimah Tilfah was no innocent kid; sly manipulative glances showed that she was her father's daughter. Her pleasing soprano made "O mio babbino caro" sparkle. Ya-Lin Zhang looked handsome and sexy as Rinuccio, and fine acting made him a youth of emerging strength rather than a timid lovesick adolescent. His tenor was strong and rich but lacked flexibility, so he was unable to do much vocal shading in his well-known aria "Firenze e come un albero fiorito." However his voice blended gorgeously with that of Ms Tilfah, making their lyrical duets enchanting. The excellent efforts of the rest of the large cast all combined to create a delightful evening. Monroe Kanouse's conducting kept the score moving forward, and David Gately's stage direction brought life to the action. Bright colorful sets and costumes rounded out the stage picture.

Next season opens on September 20 with a gala concert, followed by *The Barber of Seville* in November and *The Flying Dutchman* (the company's first foray into Wagner) in the spring. ▼

SOUNDBITES

Here We Come

by Charles Turner
MGW/Staff

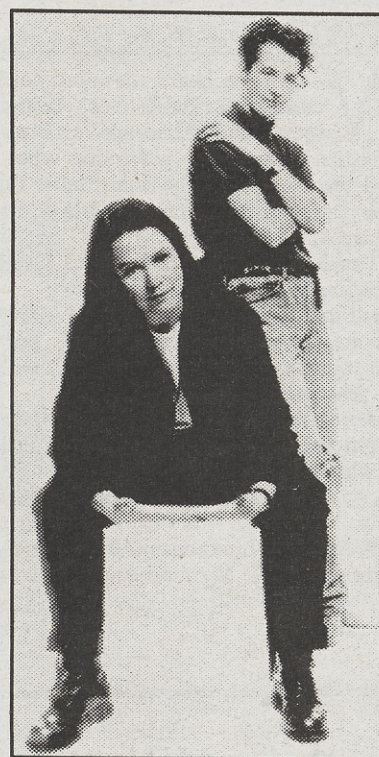
Zrazy, Come Out Everybody, Pure Records, Ltd.

Pure\ Absolute, Being that and nothing else. After reviewing *ZRAZY's* U.S. release come out everybody on Pure Records Ltd. due to be released March 25 on the Mercury/Polygram label, one thing can be said, *ZRAZY* is pure....pure enjoyment.

Maria Walsh (vocal, vox, blues harp, bodhran, flute, and percussion) and Carole Nelson (writer, keys, sax, and tin whistle) comprise the gay feminist duo whom hale from Dublin, Ireland. Since 1992 when they outed themselves, Walsh and Nelson have performed at all the major gay festivals in Dublin, London, Berlin, New York, and Toronto. *ZRAZY* have created an arsenal combining their methodical and lyrical talents to form a sensational pop sound sure to sweep the U.S. like a cool breeze on a mid summers night. So relax and be overwhelmed as the duo envelops your senses and captures your emotions taking your imagination on a magic carpet ride as they glide effortlessly from track to track.

Taking it from the top, "Keep It Real" and "Permanent Happiness" are just two of many songs on this CD of quality sound and riveting advise acting as steps winding their way to the ultimate track, "Come Out Everybody" which is beautifully performed by the duo. *ZRAZY's* music takes various ingredients of life and delicately fuses each essence together creating a undeniable sound full of seductive portraits of desire and alienation every gay can relate to.

ZRAZY is a beautiful testament that you need not hit with the power of a sledgehammer, act as a bull in a china shop, or bang the gong for people to take notice. Although they have several two alarm fires on the CD disguised as the R Rated "Beautiful Boy" the mood altering "Confession" and the finger popping "Suburban Girl". On a personal note, my two favorites on the CD are "Heaven Blessed" and "U Can", everytime I hear either song, I visualize Nelson sitting at a baby grand accompanied by Walsh on a single spotlighted dark stage washed by a sea of lighters, unsilenced by periodic whistles. ▼



U B The Judge

Susanna Hoffs, London Records

With a battalion of writing and recording artists on Susanna Hoffs self titled CD on London Records, I don't understand why the collaboration the singer/songwriter/guitarist offers falls short of spectacular. With a bio that reads like a who's who I expected the needle to be in the red for a much longer duration. However, Hoffs has expanded her repertoire and refined her style since her last offerings. On a positive note, there are tracks on the CD that generate a pop appeal. The question is, is this CD strong enough to fight that fickle finger of fate, avoiding the....these don't really sell well section of you favorite record store(a.k.a.: sale, clearance, super saver). In the end it all boils down to personal preference, so just grab the headset and do your own preview B-4 you pop down that hard earned cash.



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Are you co-dependent?

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor (Courtesy, Human Behavior Associates)

We've often heard the word co-dependency, but how does it operate in our daily lives? Being in a relationship with someone requires give-and-take on both parts. But sometimes one person begins to feel they are giving what they really don't want to give, sacrificing their integrity, doing more than they have time or energy to do, or conforming to unreasonable demands just to stay within the safe confines of a relationship.

The following characteristics can be found in a co-dependent relationship. If you think you may be in one and want to make adjustments, start by talking things over with your partner, or attend joint counseling sessions to help you become more self-nurturing, sharing, and comfortable with who you are, both as an individual and as a couple.

▼ My own hobbies and interests are put aside. My time is spent

sharing your interests and hobbies.

▼ I am not aware of how I feel or what my own needs are. I am only aware of how you feel and what you want.

▼ My good feelings about who I am stem from being liked by you and receiving your approval.

▼ Your struggle affects my happiness. My mental attention focuses on solving your problems, relieving your pain, or pleasing you.

▼ I value your opinion and way of doing things more than my own.

▼ My mental attention is focused on manipulating you to do things my way.

▼ My job performance is affected because I think of you constantly, wonder what you're doing, daydream, call you.

▼ My self-esteem is bolstered by solving your problems.

▼ Your clothing and personal appearance are dictated by my wishes, as I feel you are a reflection of me.

▼ My fear of your anger determines what I say or do.

▼ I put my values aside in order to connect with you.

▼ I use giving as a way of feeling safe in our relationship. ▼

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HIV front

From pg.11

Equipment operator fired for medical pot use...

In the first work-related dispute over medical marijuana use, a county worker in California who drives heavy construction equipment has been fired from his job after testing positive for the drug. The Mission Viejo resident says he uses the drug only after work to treat his glaucoma, and called the firing unfair. "I feel I'm being discriminated against because of the medicine I use." In November, California voters approved a referendum that allows patients with cancer, AIDS, glaucoma, and other ailments to use marijuana for treatment.

(It's unfortunate that the first case involves operating heavy equipment while possibly being under the influence, because with or without HIV infection, the dismissal could be considered legitimate.)

AIDS education slow in reaching workplace...

Only one in six U.S. businesses has initiated programs to educate employees about AIDS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, even though the disease is the leading killer of more than half of the U.S. workforce. CDC says that education efforts require more time and openness with employees than policy-making, and that moral and religious concerns may cause some resistance to AIDS education in the

workplace. Re-infections mounting...

Researchers studying the ability of HIV to mutate warn that the failure among people with HIV to stick to an anti-HIV drug regimen or to practice safer sex or safer drug use can contribute to drug resistance and more infectious strains. Ten major subtypes of HIV have been identified so far.

Research suggests that injection drug users are especially susceptible to reinfection and recombination because of the mixing of different subtypes that create new and potentially stronger strains. In a small study of 43 HIV-positive Bronx residents, up to eight people were infected with HIV subtypes previously found almost exclusively in Asia, Africa, and South America. HIV easily invaded the South Bronx, where poverty, drugs, and homelessness give the virus several routes of transmission.

Herpes viruses studied...

Researchers continue to study herpes viruses and their relation to AIDS infections. HHV6, which infects most people by the age of one or two years, was first detected a decade ago in patients with AIDS-related lymphoma. Meanwhile, HHV8, also known as Kaposi's Sarcoma-associated herpes-virus, exists in all forms of KS, independent of HIV infection. Sexual contact, especially between men, seems to be a major mode of transmission, given the high prevalence of KS among HIV-positive males. ▼

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PET TALK

Prevent Puppy Destruction

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

The phone rings and it is yet again another frazzled puppy owner complaining that the family pet has trashed the house and the furniture. Some of the calls involve actual separation anxiety problems which I will deal with in a later column; however, a majority of the calls involve young puppies or adolescent dogs left alone all day in an environment that affords vast opportunities for mischief.

The question is: "how do you have a young puppy, work all day and still save your house?"

The answer is relatively simple; keep the puppy in its own area when you are gone! Since the addition of a puppy to a household is often an impulse rather than planned, most dog owners have not thought out the ramifications of a puppy alone in a house all day. Another problem lies in the fact that people seldom know much about the breed of dog they obtain. Active dogs need exercise or they will create their own diversions. We seldom appreciate what a pup thinks up.

We also will take an animal that is born into a pack, accustomed to having siblings and a mother to frolic with, (which burns off lots of energy) then isolate it for long periods of time in the new environment. What is a bright curious puppy to do if not entertain itself at the expense of the house? I have been called in on cases where the pups have pulled up half a floor of linoleum. It starts with a little crack which an industrious canine soon expands. Pups can do the same with walls; effectively peeling back wall paper or licking a spot in the drywall which soon becomes a real hole. Puppies do love to take things apart!

Carpet, furniture, cupboard doors, woodwork, door moldings, shoes, television remote controls, eye glasses.....nothing is sacred. A puppy has energy to expend. It bores easily and it begins entertaining itself. What is the answer? Never leave a puppy in an environment where it can get into trouble.

Small and very young pups can be left safely in X-pens within a room. An X-pen, (available at most pet shops), is a portable fence in

varying heights, consisting of eight, two-foot panels. It can be shaped in any configuration. To assure that a puppy won't get to the carpet or linoleum, add a false floor of plywood or a sheet of linoleum. If it is a jumping or climbing breed of dog, you may have to place a piece of plywood over the top. Put the puppy's crate, food and water at one end (preferably wired to the sides of the pen so it doesn't get spilled), cover the area with newspaper for ease in paper training for when you aren't home. The area is sufficient for the pup to exercise and play, but away from things that it might chew. Started out this way young, it learns to adapt to being kept in a small, safe, confined area when you are not home or just can't watch it.

For larger pups that have reached adolescence, a dog run in the yard in a shady spot, garage, or on the patio, can keep the pup out of mischief. Dog runs may be prefabricated panels of chain link, or it can be a wooden frame with hog wire. The breed of dog will determine the gauge of the wire or link used. Some larger breeds such as German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Labradors, have strong jaws and may actually chew through anything other than a heavy gauge chain link. Heights will depend on the size and characteristics of the breed of dog. Shepherds, Labs and Golden Retrievers, are all excellent climbers and a 6' high run is advisable. Smaller dogs such as my Corgis, can easily be contained in a 4' or 5' high run.

If you have a digger, the run needs to be placed on a hard surface. If a patio or slab isn't handy, buy the 1' square paving blocks for

the surface or use pea gravel. You can frame the bottom of the kennel to keep the gravel inside the run. Of course, if you want to really get fancy and you own your own home, pour a cement slab and make sure that it has a slight slope for easy hosing. The run should be shaded during the heat of the day. Locate it under trees or on the side of the

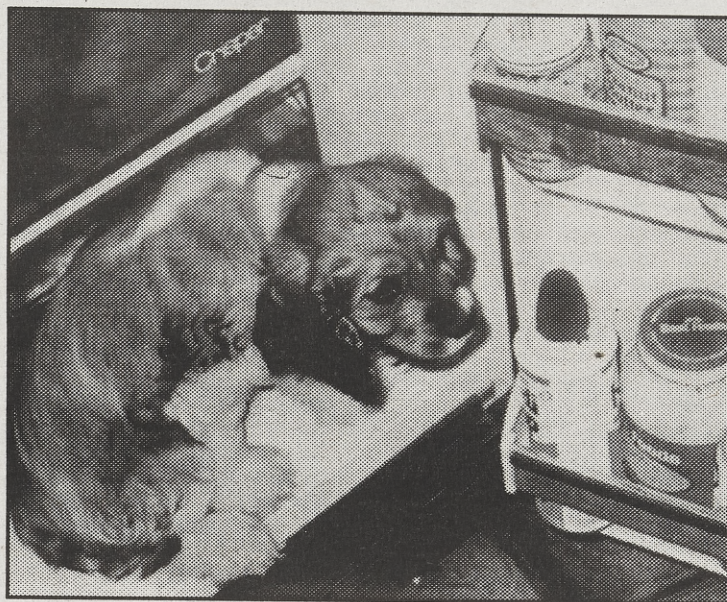
house that gets afternoon shade. Shade screen can also be placed over the top. The run is outfitted with a dog house, raised slightly, (pallets from Lumber Jack do just fine for this). In the winter I use straw in the dog house and in the summer I place shavings or straw on the cement surface to keep it cooler.

The puppy needs to be conditioned to the new living area. I would start on the weekend when you can be home to put him in the run for short periods of time while you are home. Always give rewards for going inside. This isn't punishment, it is the safe, secure home for the dog where it can't get hurt and can't destroy your home. It is the play area and will need some play things. Many dogs love to wrestle with tug toys. If the pup is athletic and likes to jump, anchor a two by four across the top of the run and suspend a ball or tug rope from the top. The dog can bat it around and chase it to its hearts content. There are other educational dog toys out there such as the "Buster Cube", a 6' hard plastic cube that rolls and intermittently dispenses treats. Dogs love it and after a "cube" workout will take a nice nap.

Buy sterilized, hollow bones or the hard, rubber Kong toy from the pet store and stuff the hollow centers with something yummy, (peanut butter, Cheeze Whiz, liverwurst). Attracted by the smell of food, the pup will spend many productive hours licking and chewing to try to remove the "stuffing". This is good mental stimulation and

See PREVENT PUPPY, pg. 18

MGW'S PET CHILDREN



Mom's Sally Miller and Peg Keranen said Scampers was 4 months old when this photo was taken and he is 4 years old now. He loves to eat and loaves of bread are his favorite people's food to snatch from the table. He loves car and boat rides (in the Delta), but gets car sick. Too bad, as we think of him as the dog for our retirement when we will have lots of time to travel!!



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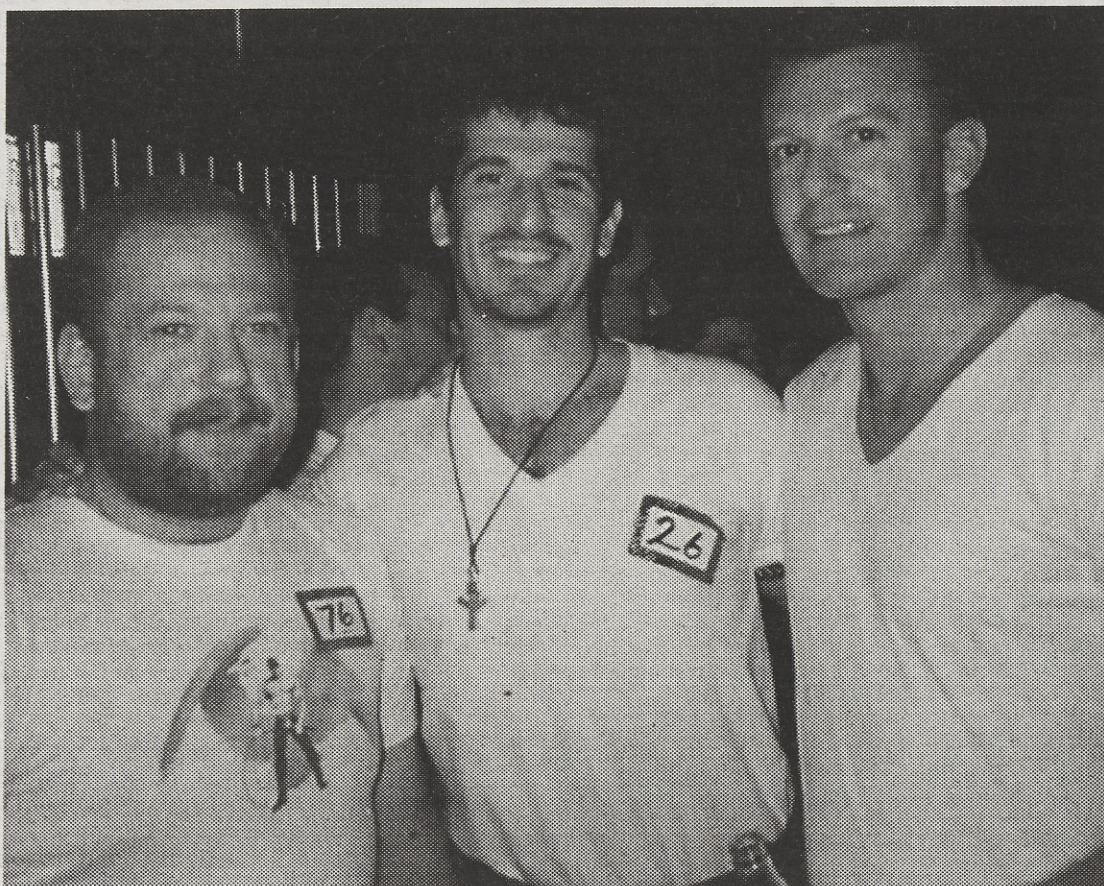


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Aids Fundraiser

The Wreck Room celebrated Valentine's Day with a fundraiser for Positive Gourmet and Lambda Community Center. Each agency will receive \$211 from the event coordinated by Mr. Sacramento Leather Dan Self, with the help of Mr. International Cheeks & Chaps, Russ, Mr. Sacramento Drummer Dave, Drummer Boy Bill and Mr. Wreck Room, Paul. The event included playing post office (with Paul as the postman), a nuts-and bolts dating game, a jock strap contest, and a bondage demo class. Dan sends special thanks to door prize donators (Tahoe Queen for game tickets, the Wreck Room for drink tickets, Mike Oliver for his artistry) and to contestants Sammy, David and Joe. The audience was fun to look at too--(from left) Kevin Schunke, Russ Sehn, and Tom Daggett enjoy the festivities.

Prevent Puppy

From pg. 17

is always followed by nice naps. If the pup is a barker, the ABS Bark System should solve your problem. It works on a spray of citronella under the chin when the pup barks. When you are home and the pup barks in its run, use sound to distract (i.e.: a loud clap of the hands, rattle pennies in a can, use a whistle), all followed with the admonishment to be quiet. Start young and the pup will learn quickly.

The important thing is that you are not leaving the puppy in a place where it can get into trouble. Puppies left alone in a house are

being set up to fail. We don't leave our babies loose in the house, we use playpens. Think of the dog run as a playpen for a puppy. The earlier you condition your puppy to be alone in its own space, the better. However, even older pups can learn to handle being in their own space with some patient conditioning.

If you don't want to leave your pup in a traditional run, section off a portion of the yard as the puppy area. However, be assured that within that area the pup will dig, chew and generally re-landscape the territory.

Puppies taught to entertain

themselves constructively are happier, healthier dogs. However, don't forget the importance of exercise. Dogs thrive on nice walks with their owners.

So, don't feel like a victim. Don't sacrifice your home to a destructive dog. An ounce of prevention coupled with planned exercise can lead to harmonious co-existence. And, don't forget dog training. It is quality time you spend educating both yourself and your dog.

For more ideas on any of the subject covered in Pet Talk, you can call me at Common Sense Dog Training, 916-927-7241 ▼

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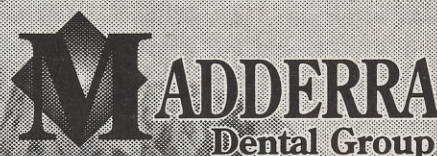
Ellen DeGeneres, Tracey Ullman, Adam Arkin, Dr. Katz, Broadway's "Rent" and others are scheduled to appear at the 8th Annual GLAAD Media Awards, in Los Angeles on March 16, in Washington, DC on March 26 and in New York on March 31.

Celebrities will present awards to recipients in the categories: Outstanding Film, Television Comedy Series, Television Drama Series, Television-Individual Episode, Made-for-Television Movie, Television Journalism, Pring Journalism, Advertising, Comic Books, Musing Single, and Theatre.

Jennifer Tilly, Gina Gershon, Lisa Edelstein, Garry Marshall, Lily Tomlin, Ed McMahon, Norman Lear, Carol Channing and Ming-Na Wen are scheduled to appear in Los Angeles.

Scheduled to appear at the Washington, DC Awards ceremony are Dr. Katz, Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, Rita Mae Brown, Sjuzanne Westernhoeffter, Bob Hattoy and Ray Suarez.

The GLAAD Media Awards were created in 1989 to honor individuals and projects in the media and entertainment industries for their balanced and accurate representations of lesbians and gay men and the issues that affect their lives. Info: 212-807-1700



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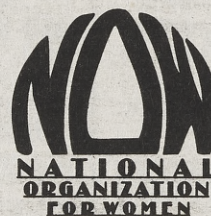
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Gay-Owned Company Named One of the 50 Leading Executive Recruiting Firms

McCormack and Associates was recognized as one of America's leading executive search firms, according to a recent analysis prepared by the independent industry newsletter EXECUTIVE RECRUITER NEWS (ERN) headquartered in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. It is also the only firm among the leaders that specializes in diversity recruitment, and is owned and managed by an openly gay executive. The TOP 50 LEADING RETAINED EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRMS were announced for the 11th year in the publication's February issue.

The company was founded by Joseph A. McCormack and is headquartered in Los Angeles. McCormack has been an executive recruiter for more than twenty years, working with the corporate and nonprofit sectors throughout the U.S. The firm's clients have included Johnson and Johnson's Direct Access Diagnostics Division, The Associated Students of UCLA, PlanetOut, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Great Lakes Communications, The American Foundation for AIDS Research, and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

McCormack responded, "It is always a privilege to be recognized by one's peers, and particularly to acknowledge the mission we have taken to educate and work

with companies to make diversity a management priority. We know many corporations have very qualified employees who happen to be gay and lesbian, African-American, Latino, and other backgrounds, for example. Our role is to make sure that outstanding candidates of all kinds emerge and enable corporate America to identify and to tap these often under-used talents."

According to ERN managing editor Tom Ropdenhauser, "The 'Nifty Fifty' of executive search are a representation of top-quality retainer firms in all categories: large, small, worldwide, regional, generalist and specialist. Among the criteria we consider are quality, ethics, history, age, size, stability, contributions to the profession and

a firm's reputation within the search community." EXECUTIVE RECRUITER NEWS is the leading independent newsletter of the executive recruiting profession and continuously published since 1980.

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FLASH

The Oscars Hit Sacramento

John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

Save Oscar Night March 24 for SAF! This Monday night "Hollywood Affair" benefits the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. And what a night it will be. Rumor has it that this River City event may even outshine the Academy Awards themselves! How wonderful to have an event that will at least match the grandeur of this showbiz tradition. The black tie gala at the Hyatt Hotel features the John Skinner Big Band, (surprise celebrities?) and a hosted bar and dinner. Come and enjoy an evening of glissening lights, lavish foods and dancing under the stars, its Academy awards Night! For ticket information, call SAF at 448-2437 x228. ▼▼▼

News Clips From pg.7

L.A. Lawmaker Launches Gay Workplace Protection Bill

Assemblymember Antonio Villaraigosa (D-L.A.) has introduced a bill AB 257, which would add sexual orientation to the list of categories protected under the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Villaraigosa's bill is one of several gay rights bills on the 1997 legislative agenda. Speaker pro tem Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) has authored one of the most far-reaching, AB 101, which would protect gay and lesbian students from discrimination throughout the public school system in the state. L.A. Democrat, Assemblymember Kevin Murray, has introduced AB 53, which will secure the right for gays and lesbians to adopt children. Murray is also teaming up with Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) and Fred Keeley to push broad domestic partners legislation (AB 54) including a statewide domestic partners registry and health benefits. - *San Francisco Bay Times*

Seattle Schools OK Grant for Books

The cover of "Daddy's Wedding" by Michael Willhoite has pictures showing a wedding cake, a man with his arm around another man, and the two men giving each other pieces of cake. "Daddy's Wedding" is one of the books being provided to

public grade-school libraries throughout the city of Seattle under a \$6,150 grant from the Fund for Lesbian and Gay Families with Children. The books are part of a project designed to increase understanding of different kinds of families, according to the school system's grant application. - *Philadelphia Gay News*

Time is Running Out for Gay and Lesbian Asylum Applicants

Under the recently passed "Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996," effective April 1, 1997, all applicants for political asylum must be filed within one year of arrival in the United States. The imposition of this deadline marks a dramatic change in the law.

Under current US immigration law, a person who has a well-founded fear of persecution because of their sexual orientation may be eligible for asylum. Just being gay or lesbian does not qualify an applicant for asylum. The burden rests on the applicant to prove that they have a well-founded fear of persecution because of their own past experience with persecution and/or because they have a reasonable fear that they would be persecuted if they were returned to their own country.

The new asylum filing deadline will be particularly damaging to lesbians and gay men. Many refugees do not apply for asylum within a year of their arrival to the United States, and the situation is compounded for gay and lesbian asylum seekers. "For someone who fled a country where the government is seeking to arrest, incarcerate, or execute them, it is understandable why they would not run to a governmental body for protec-

tion. Many gay people learned to stay in the closet because when they didn't they were persecuted. Many gay men and lesbians may not know that asylum is an option -- an option that they may lose if they do not file their applications before April 1, 1997," observed Sydney Levy, Asylum Project Coordinator of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

For more info contact: International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (San Francisco) at (415) 255-8680.

Lambda Defends Gay Father in Ohio Custody Dispute

Seeking to ensure that child custody rulings are not affected by prejudice against lesbian and gay parents, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund argued before an Ohio state appeals court recently that a gay father should keep custody of his son because he is the best parent for the child.

After raising the child until he was 10, Herbert Inscoe, Sr., lost custody of his son Herbie to his former wife in 1995 solely for being openly gay. Substantial evidence showed that Herbie was doing well living with his father, his father's partner, and his half-sister.

In 1996, Lambda persuaded the Court of Appeals to restore custody to the father pending his appeal because Mr. Inscoe's ex-wife had denied him all visitation. He was threatened with violence and found his son living in deplorable conditions when he sought to enforce his right to visit his son. ▼

TRAVEL

WOMANTOURS of Diggs, Idaho, will lead a 9 day inn-to-inn bicycle tour through Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Parks this June 7-17. The trip begins and ends in Jackson, WY, and can accommodate woman riders of all levels of experience. Highlights include wildlife viewing, wilderness vistas, and lodging at historic park lodges including Old Faithful Inn, Lake Yellowstone Lodge, Mammoth Inn, and Jackson Lake Lodge. A support van will accompany the tour to transport luggage and give cyclists a lift as needed. This cost of \$980 includes 8 nights lodging: experienced, supportive guides; all dinners and breakfasts; map; and the support van.

In March of 1998 the first Trans-America Inn to Inn bike tour planned for women 50 years and older. The 57 day tour will start in San Diego and follow the classic southern cross-country tour route along secondary roads, terminating in St Augustine, Florida. Gloria Smith, age 55, owner of WomanTours, says that the tour will provide a supportive atmosphere enabling older women riders of all levels to accomplish one of bike touring's great challenges. "Women who are in healthy condition and who can now ride 15-20 miles can easily train to do the tour."

The tour begins with a leisurely pace for the first few days giving riders a chance to condition. A support van will accompany the group to carry gear and assist riders. Selected stays at historic B & B's along the route will highlight the tour. The itinerary includes 6-7 days of free time for non-cycling activities. Info: WomanTours, Box 931, Diggs, ID 83422, 800-247-1444. ▼

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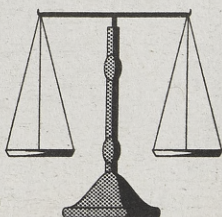
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NAMES PROJECT, AIDS Memorial Quilt, Sac. Chapter, 3104 O St., #357, 484-5646
SAC. AIDS FOUNDATION, 1330 21st St., #100, 448-2437

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LOUNGE 1201, 1201 K St., Office Tower, 1st floor, 444-1015
MERCANTILE, 20th and L, 447-0792
THE MIRAGE, 601 15th & F, 444-3238
TOWNHOUSE, 1517 21 St., 441-5122
WESTERN, 2001 K St., 443-9831
WRECK ROOM, 2513 Broadway, 456-1181

Bicycles

CITY BICYCLE WORKS, 2419 K St., 447-2453

Board of Supervisors

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BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB, (415) 905-6267

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LADYSLIPPER, INC., Box 3124, Durham, N.C., 27715, 1/800/834-8044
LIONESS BOOKS, 2224 J St., 442-4657

THE OPEN BOOK, 910 21st St., 498-1004

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Cemeteries/Mortuaries

EAST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARIES, 732-2000

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PIONEER CONGREGATIONAL, Stephan Schulman, 2700 L Street, 443-3727
RIVER CITY MCC, Cathedral of Promise, Chapel One, Mather AFB, 856-1444
SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY CENTER, 4750 Grove St., Rocklin, 889-1979

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MAYOR: Joe Serna Jr., 264-5300
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DISTRICT 7: Robbie Waters, 264-7007
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A.W.O.L., 961-2896/737-9768,
VENUS, 967-9357

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BONDS LIMITED, 441-1167

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DR. CAMERON YEE, 6407 Riverside Blvd; 395-0673

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LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER, 919 20th St., 442-0185

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RAY'S AUTO STEREO & ALARMS, 1925 F St., 447-9753

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COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, 485-2201

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KRISTIN A. POILES & NANCY ARNDORFER, c/o Lyon & Associates, 2886 Fair Oaks Blvd., 484-5456

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POCKET ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER, 7465 Rush RiverDr. #830, 395-7378

NEW WEBSITE

UCD's Herek Opens Website

Gregory Herek, Ph.D. at UCD has announced the launch of his new website at: <http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/rainbow>. The site is devoted to scientific research on sexual orientation and HIV/AIDS, with a special focus on issues of stigma and prejudice. It features his original research, as well as reviews of research on topics of special interest. The site includes documents frequently requested by attorneys, educators, researchers, and activists on gays in the military, AIDS stigma, homophobia, and myths about sexual orientation. ▼

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Janitor

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HAVING HIV IS TOUGH ENOUGH

GIVING IT TO A PARTNER
IS EVEN TOUGHER

STILL USING CONDOMS? BEEN TESTED? NEED INFO? 1-800-367-AIDS (ENGLISH, SPANISH, FILIPINO)

CALENDAR

MARCH

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAY LIST EVENTS IN MGVW'S CALENDAR. PLEASE SEND INFO AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO DESIRED PUBLISH DATE IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT: EVENT, SPONSOR, PLACE, TIME, COST, PHONE TO 1725 L ST., SAC, 95814. FOR THOSE ORGANIZING "FOR PROFIT" EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CALL 441-6197 FOR ADVERTISING RATES.

15 SATURDAY 18 TUESDAY

AIDS WALK NEW YORK

BAMMIES

Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 510/762-BASS

BAY AREA RODEO ROUND-UP

Faces downtown, BBQ, Auction, Entertainment, 415/985-5200

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 10am

GINA LIVINGSTON LIVE

7pm, CSUS Coffeehouse 900 J St.

PFLAG MEETING

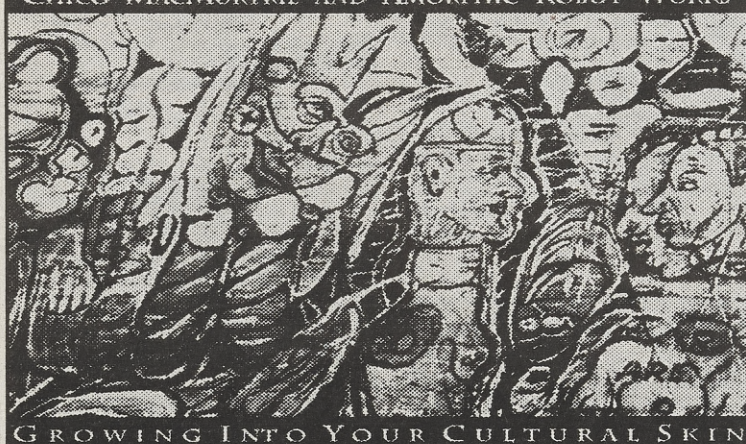
Speaker Will Green, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE

3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE

CHICO MACMURTRIE AND AMORPHIC ROBOT WORKS



Growing Into Your Cultural Skin
Galeria de la Raza presents Chico Malmurtie and Amorphic Robot Works' "Growing Into Your Cultural Skin" thru April 26 at 2857 24th St. San Francisco. Info: 415 826-5128

"CAMP REVAMP"

"Fashion Forward" Rummage Sale, 9am - 3pm, Lambda Comm. Center 919 20th St., 442-0185

G/L SIERRANS

Mountain Biking Near Cool, 421-6209

IRISH VILLAGE & CONCERT

1 - 5pm, Riverfront Park, Old Sac., 454-3746

MELONNEE DESIREE LIVE

7:30 - 9:30pm, The Open Book 910 21st St., 498-1004

KOSHER WINES/WINE NOTES

8pm, Sponsored by Sac. Jewish Forum, Sac. Capitol Club 400 Capitol Mall, 6th Floor, 486-0906

THE PALMS PRESENTS:

Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

SPRING PLANT FAIRE & SALE

10am - 4pm, Shepard Garden & Arts Center 3330 McKinley Blvd, 443-9413

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Old Sac., 922-3688

16 SUNDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:

7pm, Cami Thompson with Si Perkoff, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444

NIGHT OF COMEDY IN ONE ACTS

7pm, Sierra 2 Center 24th St & 4th Ave., 446-2622

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & BINGO

ARC Center 2201 Pillsbury Rd. Chico, 893-3336

17 MONDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:

7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

IRISH HERITAGE PROCESSION

6pm, 2nd & Front St.,

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS

6:30pm, 424-4411

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE LAMBDA CENTER

1517 21st St., 411-5122

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT PARTY

7pm, Delta King, 454-3746

19 WEDNESDAY

CSUS WIND STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS:

8pm, Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Concert Band, CSUS

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Lesbian Sex: Nuts & Bolts", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WEST WEEK '97

19 - 20, Pac. Design Center, L.A., 310/657-0800

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP

7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

20 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 10pm

CAP/PAC ANNUAL TABLE SPONSOR PARTY

4pm, Hartley House, 20th & G, RSVP 631-7171

THE PALMS PRESENTS:

Chris Webster of Mumbo Gumbo, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

21 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 4pm

"EXIT THE KING"

21 - 23, Geery Theatre 22nd & L St., 889-9531 ext 292

RACHEL MILLER BOOKSIGNING

7pm, The Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

SAC AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK

"A Poetry Salon with Kathy Mingle", 6:30pm, 3031 F St. Ste. 201,

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE

3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

SAC. HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

21 - 23, Cal Expo, 924-9934

WOMEN'S MUSIC NITE

Lynelle Tyler, 8pm, Delta Venus Cafe 122 B St. Davis, 756-8260

22 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 10am

CSUS WIND STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS:

Noon, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, CSUS

G/L SIERRANS

Hike on S. Fork Yuba River, 663-3560

GREATER SAC. ARE COUPLES

Homebuyers Seminar, 925-6658

CHARLOTTE HIGGINS BOOKSIGNING

7pm, The Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

LESBIANS OF ACHIEVEMENT, VISION & ACTION AWARDS

Benefits: "A Fund Of Our Own", \$100 per person, Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, S.F., 510/843-8048

GINA LIVINGSTON LIVE

10pm, Sudwerk 1375 Exposition Blvd., 925-6623

MOONISSTER EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Call 510/547-8386

OVERCOMING HOMOPHOBIA MEETING FOR YOUTH

Pre-Register, S.F., 415/469-8984

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

23 SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:

7pm, Cami Thompson with Si Perkoff, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444

16TH ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL

by Sac. County Parks & Rec. 11am - 3pm, 3711 Branch Center Rd., 875-6336

DAVIS UNITARIAN CHURCH CIRCLE CONCERT

3pm, 27074 Patwin Rd, 756-4002

24 MONDAY

ALTA PLAZA BAR PRESENTS:

7pm, Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 415/922-1444

KIDS CLUB MED WEEK AT EDGEWATER RESORT

24 - 30, 6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707-279-0208

A HOLLYWOOD AFFAIR FORMAL

5pm, Hyatt Regency Ballroom, Sac,

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS

6:30pm, 424-4411

STAR AWARDS

5pm - Midnight, Napa Valley Exposition 575 3rd St., Napa, 707/257-TOTO

25 TUESDAY

BEGINNING FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

Runs for 6 weeks, 485-5322

"DEATH BY DESIGN"

11pm, KVIE Sac. Channel 6

SAC. AIDS FOUNDATION SILVER SCREEN GALA DINNER

448-2437 Ext. 23

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE



Author Charlotte Higgins will be reading from her debut novel BLUE MONDAY, at Sacramento's OPEN BOOK OF Friday, March 21 at 7 pm 910-21st

3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE

7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

26 WEDNESDAY A P R I L

AIDS UPDATE CONFERENCE

415/863-3636

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Lesbian Sex: Nuts & Bolts", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

1 TUESDAY

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE

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"Clint Baker's Jazz Band" will perform at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 6, in the Central Library, 828 I Street. Info. 264-2770.

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP

7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE

7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

27 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 10pm

LIONESS BOOKS PRESENT:

Kate McKensie Intimacy Workshop, 7pm, 2224 J St., 442-4657

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SEMINAR

"Even A Live Wire Needs Connections", 7:30 - 9:30am, 1410 Ethan Way, 563-3210

2 WEDNESDAY

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:

"Lesbian Sex: Nuts & Bolts", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980

LCBA GENERAL MEETING

863-9733

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

VALLEY BEARS MEETING

Wreck Room 2513 Broadway, 7pm, 535-5050

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP

7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

28 FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 4pm

MELONNEE DESIREE LIVE

8 - 10pm, Border Gifts & Books 2030 Douglas Blvd. #9, Roseville, 784-1088

THE PALMS PRESENTS:

The Dian Patterson Xtet, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE

3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

TOMMY'S DRAG SHOW

8pm, The Pulse 900 Cherry St., Chico

3 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 10pm

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Auburn's DeWitt Center, 7pm, 632-7080

4 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 4pm

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE

3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

5 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 17, 10am

CAL EXPO SPRING ANTIQUE AND COLLECTOR'S FAIR

California State Fairgrounds, 5-6th, 10am - 6pm, 415/459 - 0827

CAMELLIA ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

"Made In America", Westminster Presb. Church 1300 N St. Sac., 8pm, 441-5188

G/L SIERRANS

Backpack at Pt. Reyes, 421-6209

THE PALMS PRESENTS:

disappear fear, 726 Drummond, Davis, 756-8502

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

SAC. MASTER SINGERS

8pm St. Francis Cath. Church 26th & K St., 965-SING

"SOMETHING FISHY, TOO" DRAG SHOW

State Theatre Modesto, 209/491-AIDS

7 MONDAY

11TH ANNUAL EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

7 - 8, Palace Theatre 1564 Broadway & 47th N.Y., 212/840-0770

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS

6:30pm, 424-4411

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Women's Fishing Club forming. Kim, 454-2896. tfn

Bill's Balanced Books
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Traffic School
Finally A Gay & Lesbian Comedy Traffic School is now celebrating ten years of service to the community and we are dropping our price to \$20 for a limited time. 1-800-GAY-4-YOU. x7/1

Hate Crimes
Have you been the victim of a hate crime? Call 442-0185. tfn

Do You Like to Play on Computers?
Want to contribute to the g/l community? MGW Newspaper is looking for volunteers to help with phones, envelope stuffing, filing, computer inputting, painting, errands, customer service at front counter, writing, photography. 441-6397. tfn

Can You Write?
Do you like to read & write? MGW receives books from publishers on all subjects: love stories, religious, children's, political, entertainment, biographies, art, health, cookbooks. You keep the book! 441-6397. tfn

Working Pets
Pets: do you take your pet with you to work? MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. 441-6397. tfn

Submissions Sought
Alyson Publications is seeking submissions in Lesbian & Gay Fiction, Lesbians: Nonfiction erotic, and Gay men: Nonfiction erotic. Deadline: May 31, 1997. SASE for guidelines to Anthology Guidelines, Alyson Pub. 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 1000, L.A., CA. 90028 x5/15

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Account Executives
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Roommate Wanted
GWM over 21 wanted to share 2BDR home in South area with GWM, HIV-, 1 smoke. \$400 room & board. HIV+ ok. Bob 421-0901 x3/15

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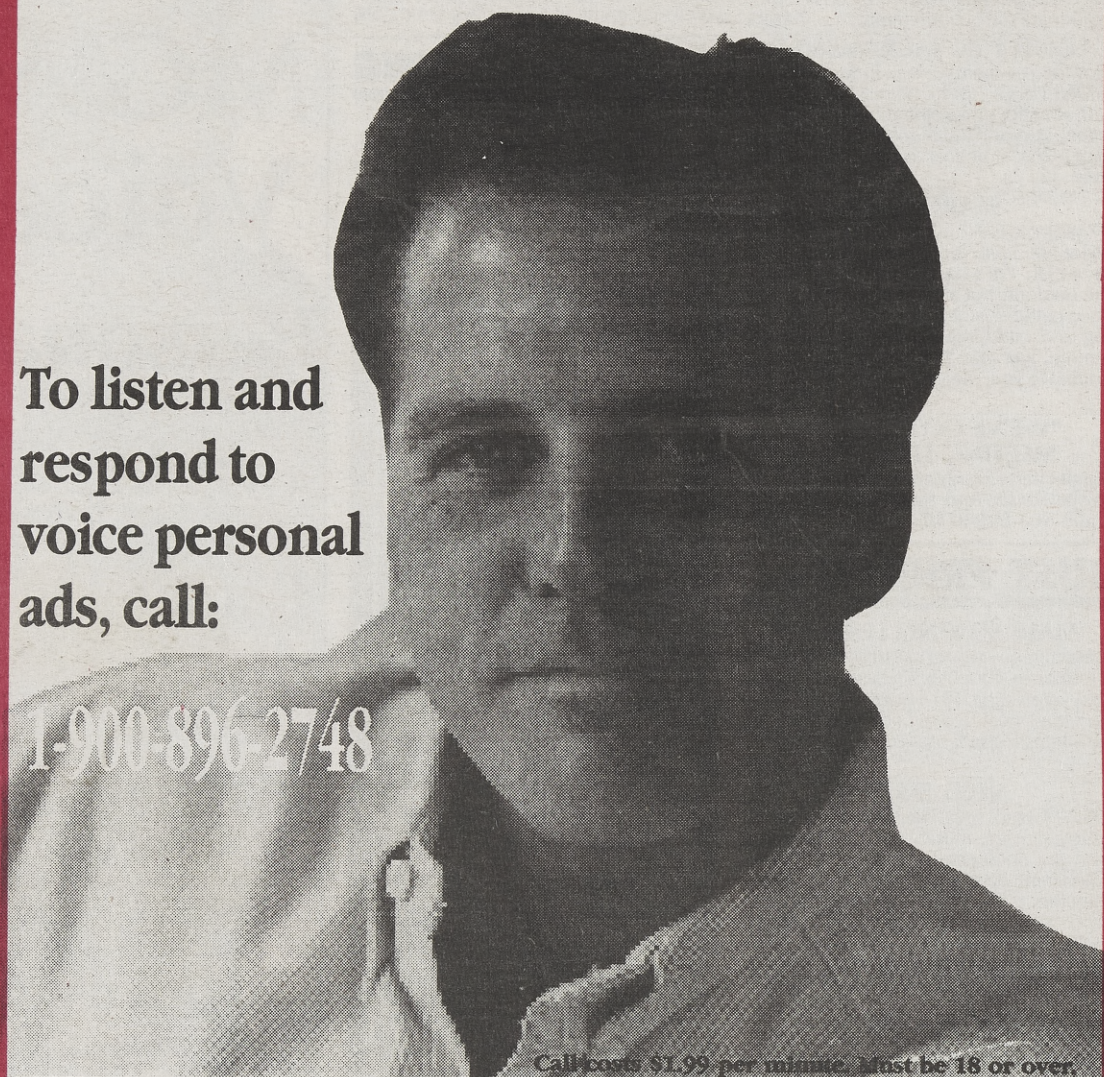
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